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BERLIN'S HEAVIEST RAID

Twenty Bombers Lost In Attack

SPY TRIAL SURPRISE

Germany has had the secret of the Norden bomb-sight since 1938, according to the United States Attorney, Mr. Harold Kennedy, who opened the prosecution of 16 alleged spies in the Federal Court.

Unfolding the ramifications of the alleged spy ring which he said covered the entire Western Hemisphere, Mr. Kennedy declared that one of the defendants, Hermann Lang, who was employed as the final inspector of the bomb-sight, took the details to Germany in 1938.

Seventeen other defendants have pleaded guilty and now await sentence at the conclusion of this trial which is expected to last three weeks. — Reuter.

FLAK SHIP BLOWS UP

A German flak ship was destroyed off Ostend yesterday by a Spitfire of the Fighter Command, armed with cannon and machine-guns, states the Air Ministry News Service in London yesterday.

The Spitfire was on reconnaissance flight when the pilot saw three flak ships. He dived on them and while firing his first burst saw one explode and the superstructure disintegrate.

He commented on his return: "It is highly probable that I hit the magazine. I broke off the engagement while still 200 yards from the wreckage." — Reuter.

NAZI CLAIM

A SPECIAL GERMAN ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED IN BERLIN SAYS A MOBILE DIVISION, SUPPORTED BY THE LUFTWAFFE, HAS REACHED A POINT NORTH-EAST OF LENINGRAD ON A BROAD FRONT AND HAS TAKEN THE TOWN OF SCHLUESSELBURG ON LAKE LADOGA.

The Germans claim that this completes the gap in the ring around Leningrad which is thus cut off from all communications by land.

Schluselsburg lies 25 miles to the east of Leningrad. — Reuter.

BRITISH 'PLANE DOWN IN SWEDEN

A message from Stockholm states that a British war plane crashed in Scania, southern Sweden, early yesterday morning after engine failure. The plane was burnt out.

The crew of five baled out, four of them having been found safe, with one of them injured. He was taken to hospital, while the police are searching for the fifth. — Reuter.

Japan & Greer Incident

The possibility of any application being made to Japan to implement the Tripartite Pact is minimised in yesterday's Japanese Press comment on the Greer incident.

The newspapers which tend to favour Germany foresee an inevitable frontal clash between Germany and the United States.

Colonel Hayao Mabuchi, Imperial Headquarters Press Chief, in a magazine article, condemning the prevalence of disturbing rumours.

HE UPHOLDS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF SECRETE- TIVENESS AND URGES THE PEOPLE TO DEVELOP "A HOSTILE FEELING FOR ENEMY COUNTRIES" IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE PENDING CRISIS. — REUTER.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE IN BERLIN WAS DONE DURING SUNDAY NIGHT'S R.A.F. RAIDS, ACCORDING TO AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY AFTER-NOON IN LONDON.

The communique states: "The R.A.F. last night attacked objectives at Berlin, Kiel and other places in Germany, and docks at Boulogne."

"The attack on Berlin was carried out by a very powerful force in brilliant moonlight. A great number of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in the attack lasting two hours."

"GREAT FIRES SPRANG UP IN THE CITY AND EXTENSIVE DAMAGE WAS DONE. FOUR ENEMY NIGHT FIGHTERS WERE DESTROYED BY OUR BOMBERS IN THE COURSE OF THESE OPERATIONS AND 20 OF OUR BOMBERS ARE MISSING."

"Aircraft of the fighter Command attacked a number of enemy aerodromes in occupied territory during the night. One of these aircraft is missing."

It was the heaviest raid on Berlin since the war began. The first bombers arrived just before midnight and the last did not leave until well into the small hours of the morning.

Like A Map

When they reached the city, the lakes round the west were shining in the moonlight and by familiar landmarks, the crew found their way to the centre.

"We could see the place like a map," said a flight sergeant, "and soon there were many fires with one in particular blazing large and fierce in the heart of the city as a further guide to the bombers."

A great many high explosive bombs were seen to burst round a main railway station. Volumes of black smoke poured upwards and, on the return journey, it was a long time before the crews saw the last of the glow of the many fires.

Defences Ready

The defences of Berlin were ready for the attack and the crews knew what to expect. Cones of

MR. J. G. CAMPBELL

Mr. J. G. Campbell, Chartered Civil Engineer, P.W.D., was this morning reported to have "slightly improved" overnight.

JAPAN CUT OFF

Japan is virtually isolated from intercourse with Europe, said Vice-Admiral Sakonji, Minister of Commerce and Industry, broadcasting in Tokyo yesterday.

For this reason, he continued, commerce was limited to the so-called Asiatic co-prosperity sphere in which "circumstances prevent the smooth interchange of materials."

He emphasised the necessity for drastic control of consumption, urging the utter abandonment of the "profit-making idea."

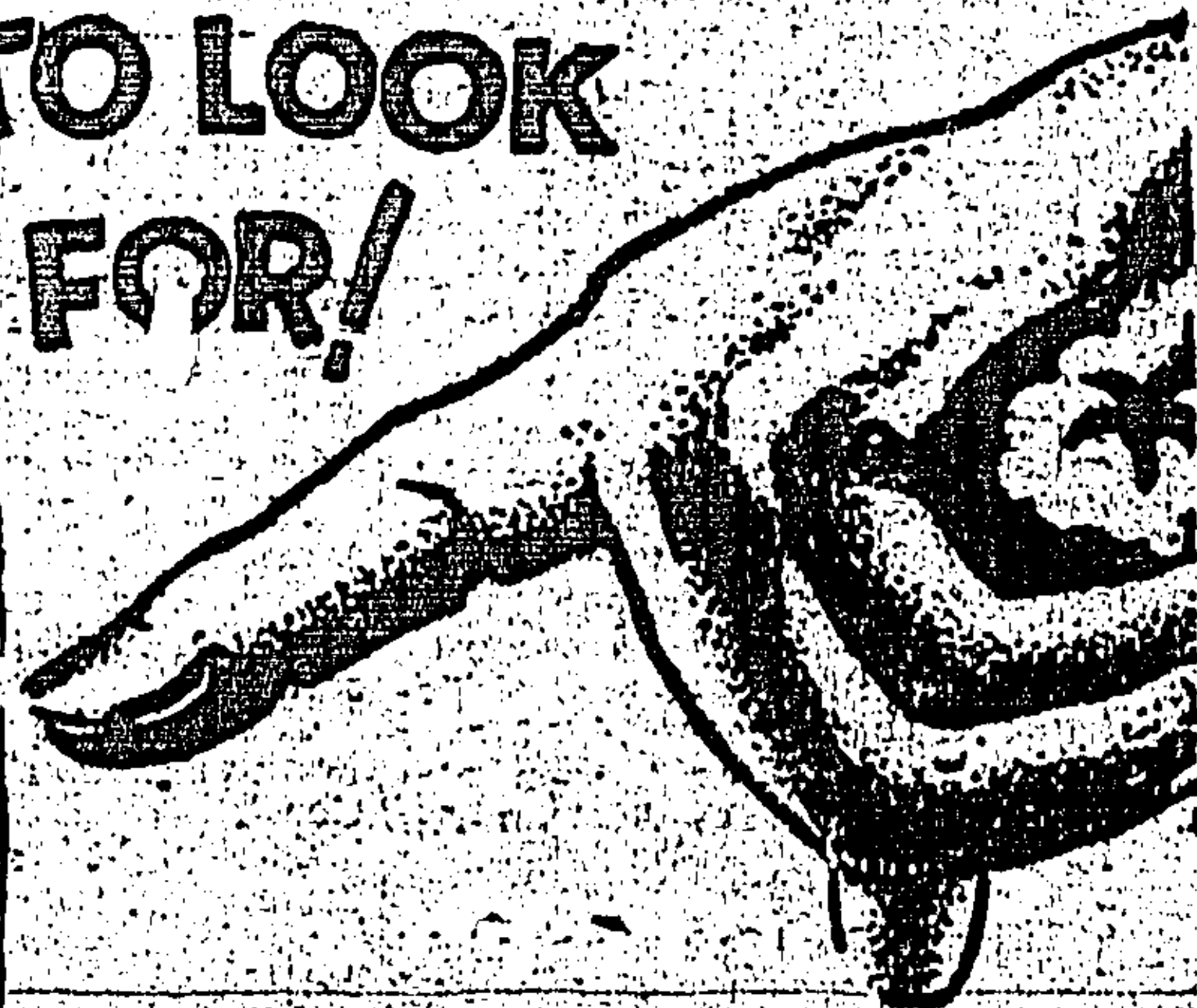
He urged the reclamation of vital materials. This effort at sufficiency, he added, was largely dependent upon popular moral conduct. — Reuter.

Colour No Protection

The political colour of Russians in France no longer affords protection, for White as well as Red Russians are being rounded up by the French authorities at the behest of the Germans, according to a message received from Paris.

More and more Germans from occupied France are leaving Paris daily for Poland from where they are being sent to the Eastern Front. — Reuter.

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Another Italian Convoy Caught In Mediterranean

Torpedo 'Planes Go Into Action

THE ENEMY CONVOY mentioned in the Middle East R.A.F. communique was attacked early on Sunday morning in the narrow gap between Pantellaria and Sicily, says the Air Ministry News Service.

The 6,000-ton vessel was left listing heavily and sinking, with a destroyer standing by, while other destroyers slowly shepherded the remaining two ships, one being a badly damaged 6,000-ton tanker.

The attack which caused great confusion was led by the Lieutenant who torpedoed a destroyer off Tripoli a few nights ago and also took part in a recent attack on a convoy off Cape Spartivento.

About the same time, other Fleet Air Arm aircraft crews were completing a brisk night's work.

After starting for Sicily, a machine developed engine trouble so the crew unloaded its bombs on Comiso and returned to its base, stepped into another machine and returned to Sicily where they dive-bombed and machine-gunned three enemy aircraft.

They repeated the performance at Gerbino where they also dropped bombs and started fires before flying home to bed.—Reuter.

Listing Heavily

The successful attack above referred to on a convoy in the Mediterranean is mentioned in the Middle East Royal Air Force communique issued yesterday, which states:—

"Mediterranean: Aircraft from the Fleet Air Arm made a successful attack on a convoy of three medium-sized merchant vessels, protected by three destroyers in the Mediterranean on Saturday night.

"One merchant ship was hit three times, causing violent explosions and much black smoke. The vessel was compelled to stop, listing heavily to port. A tanker, hit with two torpedoes, was severely damaged.

Benghazi Raid

"Libya: On the same night a heavy raid by R.A.F. bombers on Benghazi resulted in a number of direct hits on military stores and buildings. The Fleet Air Arm made a series of attacks on the landing grounds at El Timimi, El Gazala, Martuba and El Adem.

"Five enemy aircraft were destroyed at El Gazala and another at Martuba. Considerable damage was caused to a number of others. Fires were caused at El Adem and damage to the majority of these aerodromes. Enemy gun positions east of Tobruk defences came in for a severe bombardment from aircraft of the South African Air Force.

"Sicily: On Saturday night Fleet Air Arm aircraft attacked Comiso aerodrome and raided Cantani and Gerbino aerodromes. Enemy aircraft on the ground were bombed and machine-gunned.—Reuter.

CAPTIVES KEEP POULTRY

British officer prisoners at the Sulmona Camp, Italy, are going in for extensive poultry-rearing, says the Red Cross.

WASH DAY BLACK-OUT

A Worcestershire woman in her garden had just hung out her clothes.

When down came a blackbird and...

No, it didn't peck off her nose

Instead, it perched on the clothes-line, did a little tight-rope walking, and a sheet was no longer snow-white.

Down came the bird's pals in droves. Soon the washing was ruined.

Every wash day for weeks this happened.

In desperation, the woman wrote asking Worcestershire Agriculture Committee to send someone to shoot the birds.

Farmer's Friends

The council discovered the pests were not blackbirds, but starlings, and decided that they could not, therefore, do anything about it. Starlings are farmers' friends. They kill one of their greatest enemies, wireworms.

For the committee have sterner tasks on hand. Hundreds of thousands of rabbits are devouring corn and root crops.

A big offensive with gas and traps has been planned. Already fifty thousands rabbits have been trapped, thousands gassed.

The rat menace, too, is being attacked on a big scale. Teams of experienced catchers have been mobilised. Flocks of rooks and wood pigeons are being thinned out by organised shot-gun parties.

HE'S 3 AND HEAD WAITER

Alf Poole, 3, is head waiter to twenty-two blind pals. And little Alf never makes a mistake although he sees only dimly himself.

Alf left the Midlands for a blind children's home on the West Coast.

One night a German bomber came over.

Their home was wrecked, their cots buried under the debris, and three of their nurses killed.

Alf asked what had happened. "Just a thunderstorm," he was told, for the blind kiddies know nothing of the war.

Now Alf and his friends are having a grand time at Whitfield Hall, a fine old mansion in the Northumberland hills, the home of Mrs. J. Blackett-Ord.

Here they have special training to make them quite fearless. "We try to eliminate from their lives everything that they call fear," Matron L. Johnstone told the "Daily Mirror."

GUARDS' NEW TRAINING

12ft Jumps In Full Equipment

Somewhere in the Greater London district, Scots Guards are training for modern war. This training has not deprived them of their magnificent discipline, and I watched 380 men marching on the parade ground to the pipes with as much precision and élan as ever.

Afterwards, in rapid contrast, five of them, with full equipment, engaged in a miniature Grand National over formidable ditches. After prodigious leaps, during which only one man came to grief in the water, each fired five rounds on the range.

This performance is a toughening process, though the jumps of six to 12 feet are the kind of feat that might be necessary to tackle the enemy, including parachutists, in certain positions.

Strenuous Exercises

Physical training in the free-and-easy up-to-date style is another important feature of routine. Though the average age of the squads varies from 20 to 32, all the men do the same strenuous exercises.

The older men taken from civil life resent any suggestion that they should be segregated in the gymnasium and have shown that they can do as well as their younger comrades.

Five Chelsea pensioners, taking a rest away from the bombed Royal Hospital, are the guests of the sergeants' mess in one battalion. They have been given the job of tidying the gardens.

MINES KILL COUPLE

A woman failed to hear a soldier's warning after a military land mine had killed her man friend.

The soldier shouted to her to stand still, but she walked on, touched off another mine, and was killed.

They were Sidney Dale, 28, a hairdresser, whose address was stated to be Broadley-terrace, Marylebone, London, and Sophie Naomi Rosenthal, 24, an evacuee, living in the West of England where the accident occurred.

Ration Book Found

At the inquest the jury returned a verdict of Death from misadventure and asked that the notice of the military authorities be drawn to the matter in an effort to prevent any further similar occurrences.

A police officer said the ration book and identity card of the man were found, but nothing belonging to the woman.

Private Ernest Joseph Glover, a soldier on leave, said that the young woman appeared as the smoke of the first explosion cleared away. He shouted to her to stay still, but she could not have heard him.

Wrong Department

It was inadvertently stated in the "China Mail" yesterday, in the case in which a merchant is charged with the alleged offer of a bribe, that Mr. Humphrey John Crutwell is Assistant Controller of Food. Mr. Crutwell, in fact, is Assistant Controller of Trade. We regret the error.

IRANIANS STALLING?

It is believed that the Iran Cabinet is still considering the Anglo-Russian Note.

Although a short routine session of Parliament was held in Teheran yesterday only secondary matters were considered. Another meeting it is expected will be held to-day. — Reuter.

MAY PAY FOR WASTE

A big new drive to stop food wastage at Army camps and barracks is to begin at once.

Plans are to make officers and men pay for wasted food. Results of the recent economy push have not come up to the expectations of Major-General J. Buckley, Controller-General of Economy.

"Allegations will be rigidly investigated and, if substantiated, those responsible may be called on to pay," a War Office spokesman told the "Daily Mirror."

WED 2 DAYS, LOST — SAFE

Within a week of her wedding a young Lymington (Hants) bride, who had spent only two days with her airman husband, has learned that he is a prisoner.

Flight-Lieutenant Frank Welburn had been on operational flying on the day before he obtained forty-eight hours' leave to marry Miss Rosalind Bartlett, of Westfield Lymington.

"My husband and I had only two days together," Mrs. Welburn told the "Daily Mirror." "After the wedding, which took place at Lymington, we went to London on the same day.

"The next day he returned to his station. I did not see him after Wednesday.

"I knew he was engaged on bombing operations. He was on operational work the day before we were married.

"On Friday I had a personal letter telling me he was missing, and I came back to my home at Lymington.

"I had never given up hope and am naturally overwhelmed with delight at the prospect of his safety, though at the moment I have heard nothing official."

GROWING SENSE OF FRUSTRATION IN GERMANY

A GROWING SENSE of frustration in Germany is reported by travellers arriving in Ankara who tell how the people are openly asking "For what are we fighting?" and "Why is the Russian war not finished?"

These sources stress, however, that the morale is in no way near breaking point. General recrimination over the Soviet war has led to a feud between the Army and the Nazi Party.

Goering and List, who are demanding more and more power at the expense of the Party, met with strenuous opposition from Himmler, who has since been backed up by Hitler.

Himmler's victory was immediately reflected in the despatch of more storm-troopers to the front where they are very unpopular with the army.

Believing that political commissars are the backbone of the Red Army, the storm-troopers mercilessly ill-treat captured commissars. The army protested to Berlin several times, fearing Russian reprisals, but Berlin supported the storm-troopers.

Lack Of Confidence

It is now reported that the Army are telling the commissars to discard their insignia in order not to expose themselves to the brutality of the storm-troops.

Travellers are much struck by the complete lack of confidence regarding the financial stability of the Reich, and point out that the ordinary German is not able to buy food and clothes, preferring to spend his money in cafes and restaurants, rather than invest it in the banks.

The man in the street has openly admitted that Berlin is not able to stand alone like London, while the new British bombs have created uneasiness throughout Germany.—Reuter.

FATHERS-TO-BE HOSPITAL GUARD

Anxious fathers-to-be pacing up and down the roof of a London maternity hospital form one of our most efficient fire-watch services.

About forty do duty at Ferialve Maternity Hospital, Ealing. The idea was suggested by one of them some days ago. Now they are the hospital's official fire-watch.

These volunteers work shifts to protect their wives and unborn or newly-born babies.

"The response was immediate when the idea was first put forward," an Ealing Health Department official told the "Daily Mirror."

"Now we provide sleeping accommodation which they can use when there is no alert. Apart from taking an active part in protecting their womenfolk, they seem less worried when on the spot."

GREER AFFAIR DEVELOPING

More Of An Incident Now Than Originally

German Attitude Regarded As Provocative

CALLING THE German statement about the "Greer" incident "provocative," the independent Democrat newspaper "Baltimore Sun" expressed the general opinion yesterday in Washington when it said that the German handling of the affair made it more of an incident that it was originally.

"If German propaganda is deliberately trying to strengthen President Roosevelt's position," it adds, "they could not have done better than by directly appealing to those who oppose his foreign policy, for if the Isolationists wish to make argument of the 'Greer' incident they must now take their cue from Berlin."

The newspaper stresses that what America is doing in Iceland is not being done for Britain but because it is essential for American security.

It disposes of the isolationist complaints that America in the Atlantic is "carrying the chip on her shoulder" by saying: "It is more accurate and pertinent to observe that we are determined to how to line, let the chips fall where they may."

The German attack on the veracity of the American Navy touched many Americans on the sore spot causing considerable indignation and anger.

Violent Abuse

Violent abuse of President Roosevelt marks the comment in yesterday's Berlin's newspapers on the encounter between the United States destroyer, "Greer," and a German U-boat.

Typical comments are: "President Roosevelt creates an incident," "Fraudulent depths charges," "Provocation heightened by lies," and "Roosevelt's fraudulent manoeuvre."

"Clever Trick"

The "Boersen Zeitung" writes: "At all costs, Washington is endeavouring to keep active Roosevelt's deliberate lie, the motive being, as voiced by circles close to him, that the American people can only be driven into war by a series of incidents."

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" says: "The attack of the American destroyer, Greer, on a German U-boat is the intentional result of a particularly clever trick with which the President thought he could deceive the American people."

Japanese Comment

The encounter between a German submarine and a United States destroyer "puts German-American relations on a new place," declared the "Japan Times and Advertiser," official organ of the Japanese Foreign Office, yesterday in Tokyo.

"From now on, it will be understood that whenever they meet at sea in Germany's blockade zone, there will be a battle," the paper adds.

The "Asahi Shimbun" predicts that similar incidents will occur in the future "and will ultimately bring about a state of war between Germany and the United States."

If America continues to ignore the blockade zones, established by Italy and Germany, war between Italy, Germany and the United States is unavoidable.

Japan's Attitude

The "Kokumin Shimbun" declares that no matter what new developments the incident brings about, Japan "adhering to her autonomy will further her efforts

towards world peace." The paper adds whether obligations under the Tripartite Pact are involved through the incident depends on the careful examination of future developments. — Reuter.

FIRST-AID CHILDREN

FIRST-AID IS NOW TAUGHT TO NEARLY EVERY BOY AND GIRL BEFORE THEY LEAVE SCHOOL AND ALREADY THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES WHERE CHILDREN HAVE GIVEN RESPONSIBLE AND EFFECTIVE HELP IN ACCIDENTS.

In September last the Board of Education drew the attention of all local education authorities to the importance of first-aid.

Many had already arranged courses for teachers when the war began and few schools are now without a qualified teacher.

Lessons are often given by doctors, nurses, captains of the local ambulance corps and special constables.

In many cases the courses have been drawn up by the Ministry of Health.

HOOK AND EYE SUITS

Shortage of buttons is becoming so acute in Britain that hooks and eyes may have to be used on cheaper suits. Braces may go out of fashion, increasing the wearing of belts.

Before the war most buttons were imported from Italy. Machinery has since been set up in Britain to manufacture substitute buttons but it is difficult to obtain the materials—corozo and gum—which are imported from Ecuador and the Sudan.

The button shortage will not be felt by the public immediately, as the clothes rationing has eased the problem.

BREAKS GAOL, IS FREE A DAY

After escaping from Wandsworth Prison early in the day, Albert William Cloude, 33, an electrical engineer, was recaptured the same night.

Cloude was in prison clothes when he got away and a police cordon was immediately thrown around the gaol. Wireless cars took part in the hunt.

Cloude was to have appeared at Kingston on a charge of highway

BRITISH NOTE TO IRAN

It is learned in London that the reply of the Iranian Government to the latest British Note is expected at any moment.

This second communication from the British Government is understood to deal with Germans and other Axis nationals in Iran, and it is thought the Note demands their expulsion or internment.

The Note, it is understood, also deals with the future of the German Legation in Teheran.

The second Note, which is supplementary to the one sent earlier in the week, was dispatched last Friday, and a reply is expected in the course of the next 24 hours. — Reuter.

PIT HERO'S 'WORK V.C.'

A colliery under-manager who, lying at full length, burrowed through a collapsed working to rescue a trapped miner, has been awarded the Edward Medal—the "Workers' V.C."—which is given for special acts of gallantry performed by miners.

He is Mr. Richard Ryland, of the Maypole Colliery, Wigan.

Using a pick-axe because there was insufficient room to wield a proper tool, he worked with his arms above his head for four hours to excavate a 12yd. long passage through the fallen material.

BRITISH FOOD STOCKS

Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, speaking in Edinburgh yesterday, said: "As we enter the third year of war, stocks of food are better than they were 12 months ago; despite the heavy calls we have made on our shipping resources for war purposes during that period."

At the end of the second year of the war, bread, which was more dependent on shipping than any other food, is now available in plenty. We are now the only nation in Europe eating more bread than before the war. — Reuter.

FREE LIFTS GO TO W.A.A.F.S.

Airmen in the north-west who depend on free lifts to get to a seaside resort within easy reach of their camp are being crowded out of cars by girls of the A.T.S. and the W.A.A.F.

But the men are, in the main, taking it in good part, even though the "opposition" stops many of them from having their usual afternoon and evening trips at the week-end.

Women drivers, however, show their resentment at the intrusion of the girls on the men's "racket" by giving preference to the airmen.

JAPANESE LEAVING INDIA

Sixty-two Japanese residents of India sailed from Bombay for Japan by the s.s. Hakone Maru yesterday, the Raj having permitted them to depart. The ship also carried 285,000 bales of cotton. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S INTEREST IN PACIFIC

Australia is most interested in China taking her place as a Power in the Pacific.

"My appointment has a very great significance as a gesture of the sympathy of the Government and people of Australia towards the Chinese people and its leader," said Sir Frederick Eggleston, first Australian Minister to China, in an interview at Singapore.

Before leaving for Chungking, Sir Frederick will meet Singapore's Chinese leaders, and his first job in Chungking will be to contact officials of the Chinese Government and to extend the good relationships between the two peoples already existing.

He hoped that his stay in Chungking will result in a big increase in trade between the two countries, and when the time came to begin reconstruction of China, Australia will certainly be very willing to assist.

From an economically reconstructed China, Australia stood to benefit like other Pacific powers. He concluded that "Australia's policy is to keep closely in step with the British policy in every way." — Reuter.

BOY INVENTS WAY TO PROTECT SUBS

Walter Boyne, an amateur naval strategist at the age of 12, believes he has a method of protecting American submarines from hostile craft.

And his plan to decoy destroyers from submarines while the latter attack convoys has been turned over to experts of the National Inventors' Council for further study.

Walter was impressed with the manner in which destroyers on convoy duty charge after the fleeing periscopes of preying U-boats to drop depth bombs.

He hit on this: "The American sub could expose its periscope briefly to sight the objective; then dive, releasing a dummy periscope to decoy protecting warships."

While enemy craft converged to discharge depth bombs, the submarine could double back into the convoy and attack.

COLONELS 3 RATIONS

Colonel Henry Albert Barclay, former A.D.C. to King Edward VII and King George V, was fined £6 at Cromer, Norfolk, for obtaining meat nearly three times his ration. He sent a doctor's certificate to the effect that he should have more meat than the ration owing to ill-health.

His butcher, Sydney Lynn, of Church-squadron, was fined £8.

At the same court Mrs. Dorothy Barclay, wife of the Vicar of Cromer, was fined £2 for a similar offence. Mrs. Gurney, of Northrepps Hall, also was fined £2.

A working woman, Mrs. Jane Steward, was fined 30s. and her butcher, John Russell, was fined 23. It was stated that the butcher thought he could serve minced meat without coupons.

A third butcher, Frank Bird, was fined £2.

PAID AFTER 40 YEARS

Two debts—one to a hospital which treated a man forty years ago and the other for rates outstanding for thirty-four years—have just been settled.

A man walked into Swansea Hospital offices and handed in an envelope containing fifty 21 notes.

"Just say it's from Bill," he said, refusing to give his name.

Bill was a patient in the hospital forty years ago, but in those days could not afford to make any payment.

Salisbury City Council was told of receipt of a letter containing £47 1s. 7d. levied on a man in 1907 by Salisbury Urban Council.

The sender wrote: "I failed in business and have had a struggle since. I am glad, however, at last to be able to discharge this debt."

In another letter to the town clerk, he said he had now been able to settle debts amounting to several hundreds of pounds.

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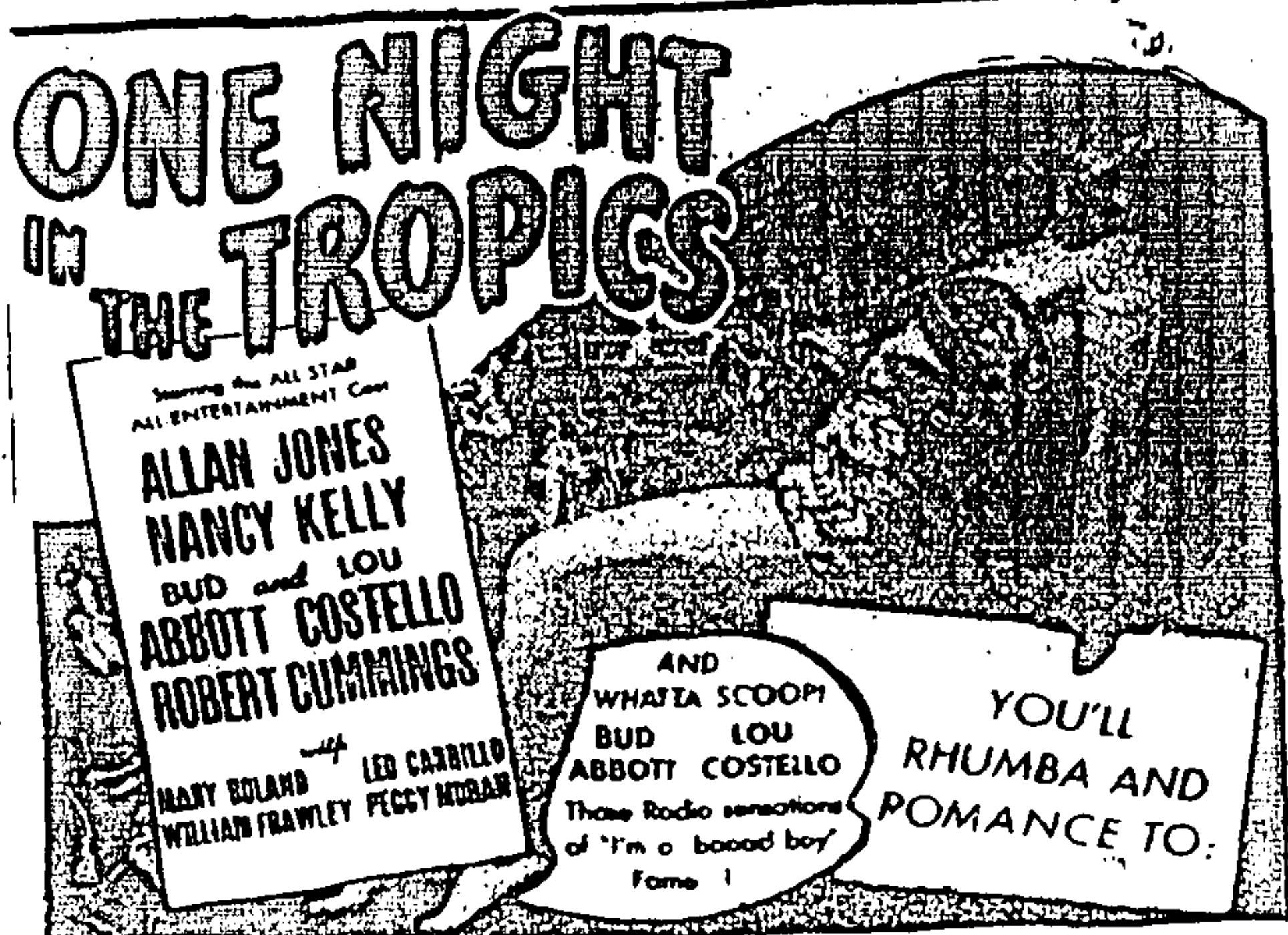
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REPORTED FINNISH ADVANCE REGARDED AS OF IMPORTANCE

TWO IMPORTANT supply routes between the Soviet North and Western Russia appear, on the surface to be threatened by the Finnish advance to the River Svir between Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega, which is claimed by the German and Finnish Commands.

The exact point at which the Finns have reached the river is not given, nor is the strength of their hold clear, but if the report is true, the advance is of some importance, writes "Annalist."

The Stalin Canal, main waterway link between the White Sea and Western Russia follows the channel of the Svir between the Lakes. The railway south from Murmansk crosses the Svir.

It is evidently the hope of the Finns, besides severing these communications, which would be a blow to two ways into Russia of Allied supplies, to join up with the Germans to the east and south-east of Leningrad, where the Nazis have not yet arrived according to the latest information from Moscow.

Not even this junction, if and when made, would cut off all the Russians' northern ports from the interior. There is still Archangel, which has good railway running due south to Moscow 250 miles away from the nearest Germans.

Moscow Silent

Moscow has hitherto been silent on the Finns' reported advance, which appears on the surface to dispel doubts as to whether Marshal Mannerheim, in his recent Order of the Day, intended his troops to continue the offensive battle alongside their German "allies" after having reached in the Karelian Isthmus the former Soviet-Finnish frontier.

The Isthmus lies on the opposite side of Lake Ladoga to the River Svir. Above the Svir, other Finnish forces began an offensive four days ago, it now appears, against Petrozovodsk, and it seems to have carried them with surprising speed in difficult forest country past that point to the Svir.

Petrozovodsk, which lies on the eastern bank of Lake Onega, has not been taken.

It is reasonable to suppose that if the Finns have in fact, reached the Svir, the Russians have withdrawn their lines between Lakes Onega and Ladoga — while obviously keeping guard over the Murmansk Railway and the Stalin Canal — parallel with their earlier withdrawal in the Karelian Isthmus. — Reuter.

PARSON NOT INNOCENT

Saying that the girl had fully justified her charges, the Lord Chief Justice dismissed with costs the action brought by the Rev. James Irwin Sloops, of The Manse, Maguire's Bridge, Co. Fermanagh, claiming damages for slander against his former servant for alleging he was the father of her twins.

Sloops' case was that Bella Jane Wilson, 28, of Killynakeil, Co. Fermanagh, stated at a meeting of the Clodher Presbytery, which was investigating charges against him, that he was the father of the children born in July 1939.

As a result the Presbytery suspended him.

DIED WITH BOY SHE ADORED

The story of a woman's love and devotion for an orphaned boy lies behind the burial of a grandmother and grandson in the same grave at the Old Cemetery, Southampton.

Robert James Selman's parents died when he was a child; his grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Selman, cared for him as if he were her own son. She regarded his upbringing as a sacred trust which she owed to her dead son, Bob's father.

Bob grew up a credit to his grandmother. He won a scholarship to a secondary school, where he distinguished himself both in the classroom and on the sports-field.

When war came, Bob, then twenty-one, joined the R.A.F. He became a sergeant air gunner, but to spare his grandmother worry, he kept secret from her the fact that he flew. He led her to believe he was on the ground staff.

"If anything happened to Bob it will be the finish of me," Mrs. Selman, who was sixty-nine, often told friends.

A few days ago Bob was killed in an air crash. When the news reached his grandmother she was prostrated with grief and shock. Next day she died.

The inscription on a wreath at the funeral was: "Gone with Bob, she lived for him and died for him."

MURDER S.O.S. IN CINEMA

Police investigating the murder of George Thomas Roberts, 50, manager of the Plaza Cinema, Dover, used the screen of the cinema to help them.

At all performances this message was flashed upon the screen:

"Any person who was a patron of this cinema on Thursday, and who changed a pound or ten-shilling note at the pay-desk, is asked to communicate with the manager."

DRIVE TO MAKE TANKS

Thirteen-ton green-turreted tanks are coming off the final assembly line of the American Car and Foundry Company's plant at the rate of 10 per day.

They are now rapidly providing the sinews for the seven armoured divisions which the United States Army plans to have fully equipped within the year.

Two facts about tank production here are particularly interesting. They are being turned out by industrial plants which completed their first tank on May 1, 1940.

Secondly, these manufacturers, to avoid any bottle-neck in the deliveries of armoured plates, have built their own units and now produce approximately 1,000 tons of armour-plate per month.

Perhaps even more important is the steady and efficient manner in which several thousand workmen labour in half a dozen different buildings to keep the Berwick out-put up to capacity. Tanks which I saw at all stages of construction symbolise the adjustability of American industry.

MUSIC FOR THE NIGHT SHIFT

An experiment is to be made by the B.B.C. to test the desirability of broadcasting more music to factories as a means of increasing the efficiency of war-time production.

Broadcasts for night shifts is one of the developments contemplated.

During the week, factories which relay to their workers the twice-daily broadcasts of "Music While You Work" will be asked to report on the effects on production of music by light orchestras, dance bands, military bands and cinema organs, and to assess the value of vocalists, including crooners and what the B.B.C. describe as "rousing vocalists."

"Music While You Work" broadcasts began nearly a year ago. Some factories installed as many as 200 loudspeakers.

One firm reported to the B.B.C. that with suitable programmes they would be able to reduce overtime by half. A warehouse reported an increase of work of between 10 and 15 per cent.

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SAY MAN IN LOVE KILLED HIS "WIFE"

A MAN accused of killing the woman with whom he was living and her illegitimate child and burying them in his garden, was alleged to have taken a girl to his home and offered her fur coats and furs which he said belonged to his divorced wife.

The accused man, Lionel Rupert Nathan Watson, 31, a bakelite moulder, of Goring-way, Greenford, Middlesex, appeared at Ealing charged with murdering Phyllis Elizabeth Crocker, 28, and Eileen Crocker, 18 months.

Mr. H. A. K. Morgan who prosecuted, said poisoning was suspected. Watson was married and had four children. He went to live with Miss Crocker and her illegitimate child in September, 1940.

"He told Miss Crocker—so he says—that he had divorced his wife. He and Miss Crocker went through a form of marriage."

"They appeared to be happy, but at work Watson showed signs of wishing to scrape acquaintance with a girl aged 17½ called Joan Philby. She gave him no encouragement."

Gave Girl Wife's Clothes

Mr. Morgan said Watson later took Miss Philby to a place of en-

tainment.

"He gave her clothes and shoes belonging to the dead woman, and jewels."

"On Sunday, June 15, when the bodies were actually in the garden of the flat, he asked this girl into the flat, enticed her into the bedroom, showed her fur coats and fox furs, which he said belonged to his divorced wife, and asked her if she would have them. She refused."

"In a letter, Watson wrote to Miss Philby the day before he was arrested, he said:

"I took to you as soon as I saw you because you are a lot different... and I was beginning to love you."

Watson was remanded.

VAST NEW WAR PLANT IN U.S.

After visiting two out of the three main aero-plane engine plants now under intense production for America's war effort, it appears indisputable that the skilled labour problem in this key branch of the aircraft industry has already been solved to a degree surpassing all expectation.

Here, at General Motors Allison plant, where Allison liquid-cooled engines for American and British pursuit planes are being turned out at a rate of approximately 400 a month, this fact is being impressively demonstrated.

9,000 Workers

In the autumn of 1939 there were fewer than 900 men on the Allison pay-roll here, and only 25 per cent. of them were classed as skilled labour. Since that time a vast cornfield has become the site of a huge windowless, blacked-out, central factory, and the plant now employs approximately 9,000 men.

Ever since the factory began turning out aircraft engines 13 months ago it has been producing mechanically-trained labour at a rhythm that has equalled or surpassed its constantly increasing ration of production. One of the things some people said could not be done has been done.

It seems scarcely credible that this completed process of aircraft engine manufacture has been achieved in about a year and a half by an organisation that had never handled aviation machinery previously.

These Allison liquid-cooled engines have previously produced 1,150 horse power, but a new model, whose approval by the United States Army was announced recently will have 1,350 horse power for the same weight and size.

ARMY CHAPLAIN KILLS HIMSELF

A young farmer's wife went to the door of her home in Lichfield, Staffs, early the other day and found an Army chaplain staggering about.

He died later in hospital from disinfectant poisoning. The Lichfield coroner recorded a verdict of suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

The padre was the Rev. Frederick Sadler, Boutwood, of Priory Mount, Holmsdale-gardens, Hastings.

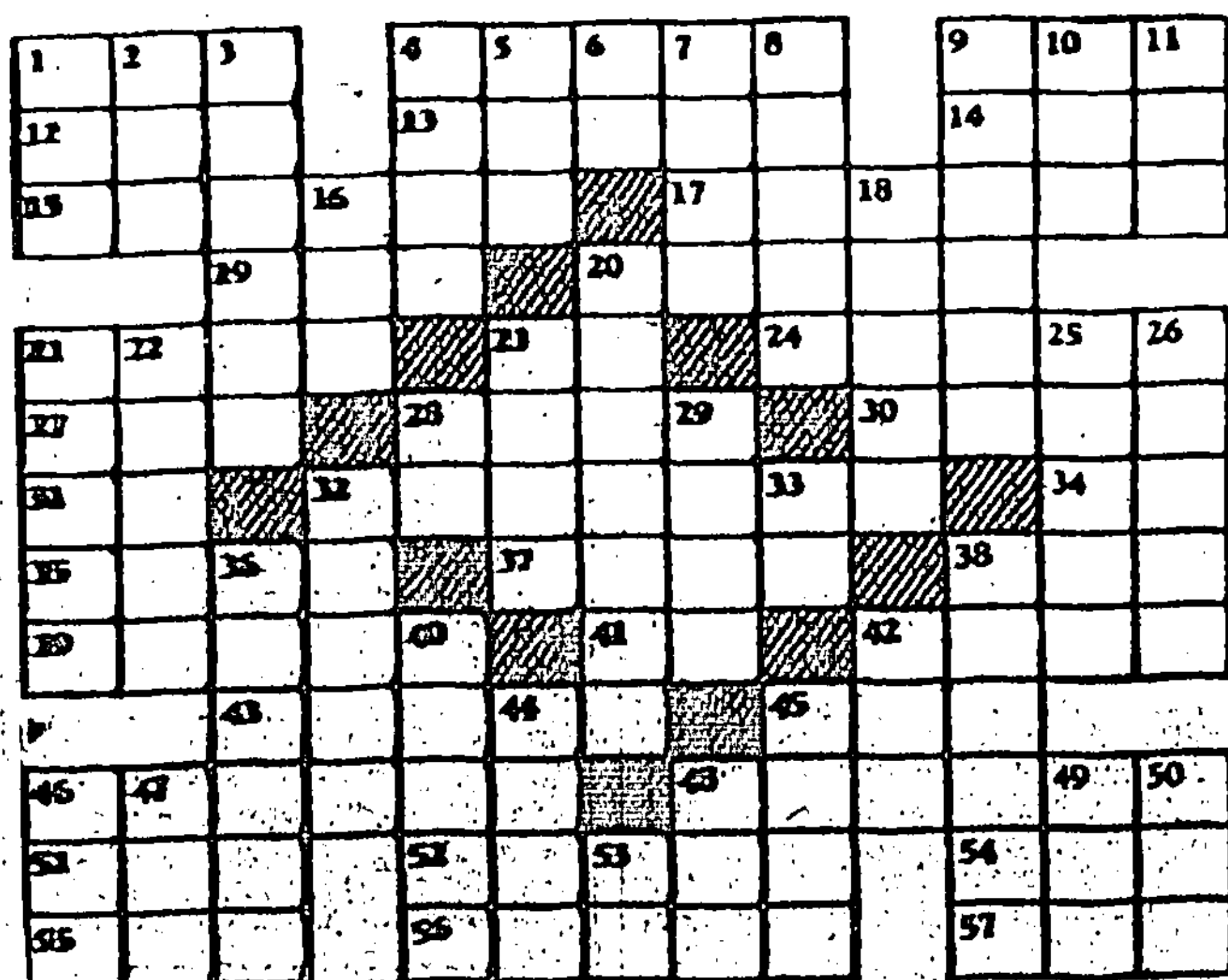
He was injured in a motor accident last November. It was stated. His hospital was bombed.

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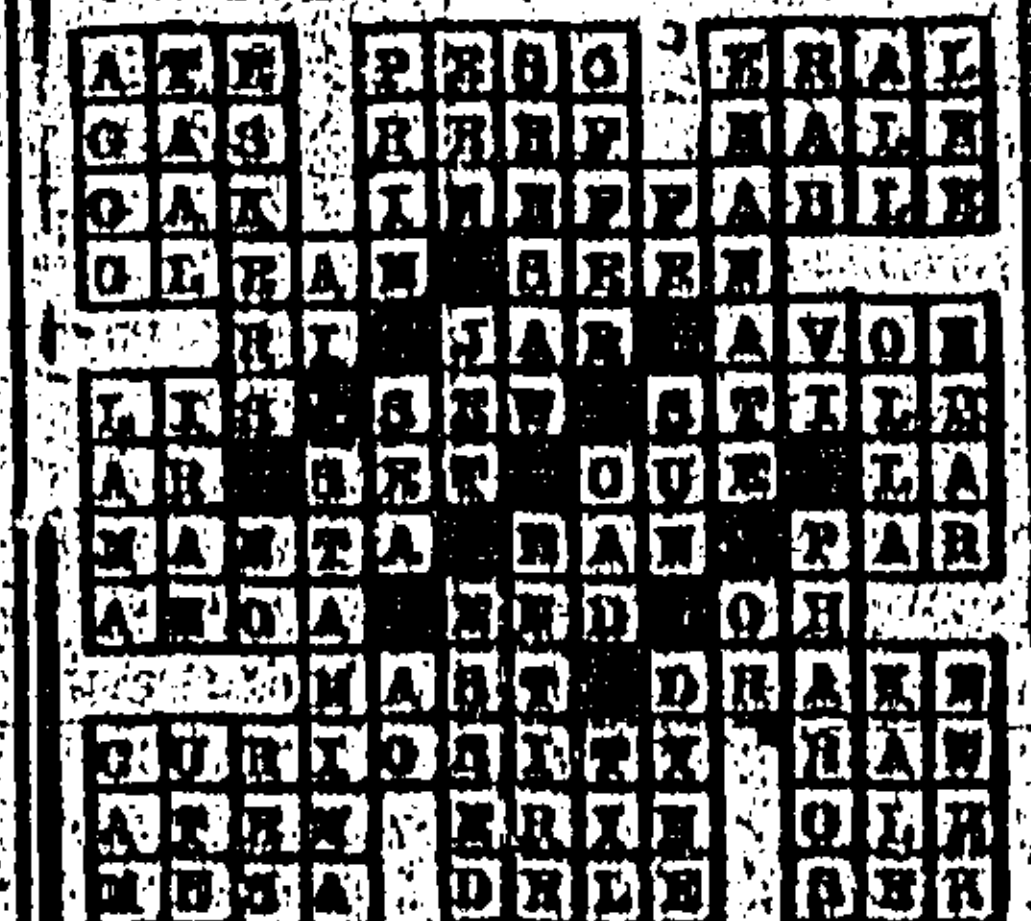
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- 4 Source of light
- 9 Swiss river
- 12 Hummingbird
- 13 Feeble-minded
- 14 Inlet
- 15 The Milky Way
- 17 Right of a belligerent to use a neutral's property
- 19 Silkworm
- 20 Beneath
- 21 Female relative
- 23 Bone
- 24 Tilt
- 27 Insect
- 28 To eat by regimen
- 30 Entry
- 31 Japanese measure
- 32 European country
- 34 Hebrew letter
- 35 Man's name
- 37 Withered
- 38 Lair
- 39 Approaches
- 41 Therefore
- 42 Act
- 43 Mental images
- 45 Roll

VERTICAL

- 1 Slang: joke
- 2 Eggs
- 3 Ability
- 4 Vehicle for hire
- 5 Some
- 6 Mixed type
- 7 Dash
- 8 Tears
- 9 Mount on which Noah landed the ark
- 10 Melody
- 11 Beam
- 16 Skill
- 18 Poetic: icy
- 20 Fiddle
- 21 Hebrew priest
- 22 To join
- 23 Lubricates
- 25 Wigwag
- 26 To alter
- 28 Note of scale
- 29 Polynesian plant
- 32 Vast number
- 33 Compass point
- 36 Garment-maker
- 38 Spectators' penthouse in court-tennis
- 40 Religious groups
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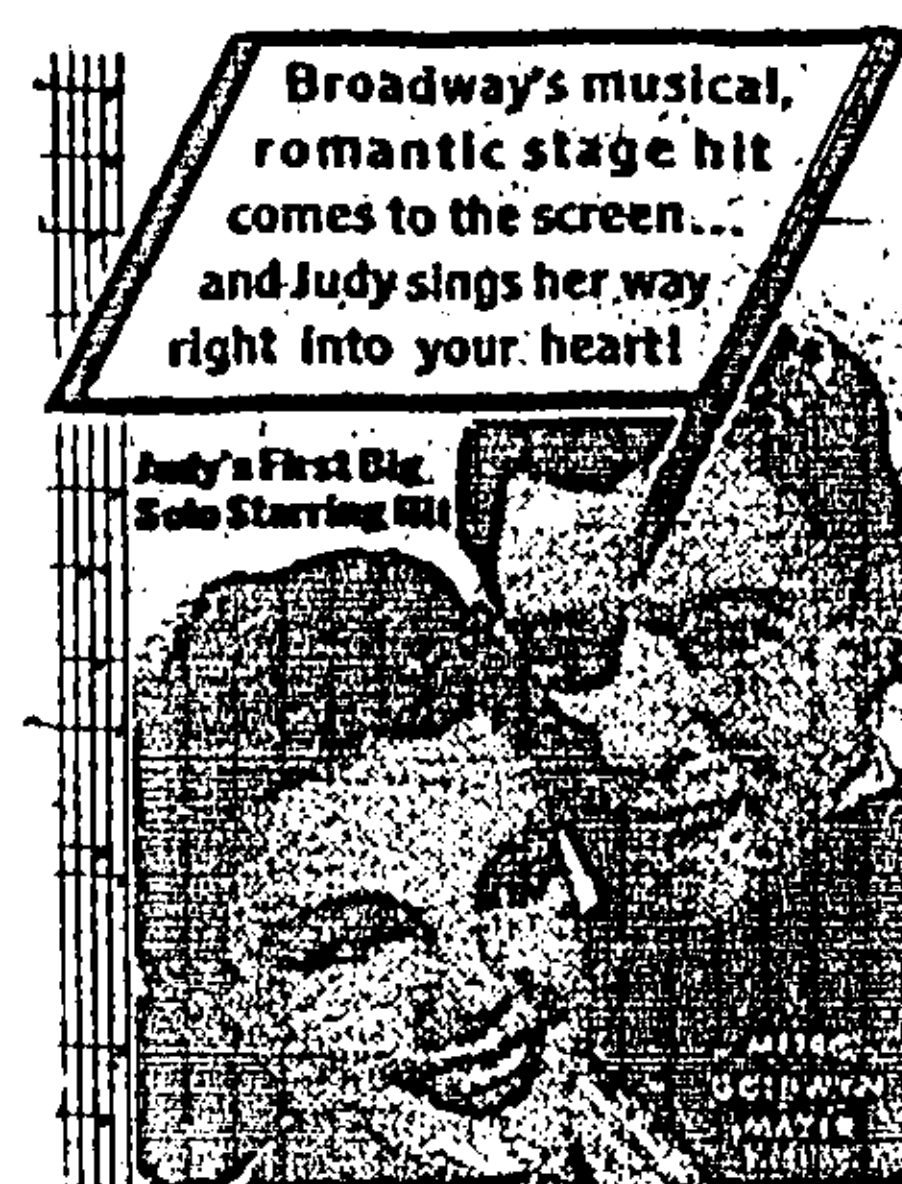
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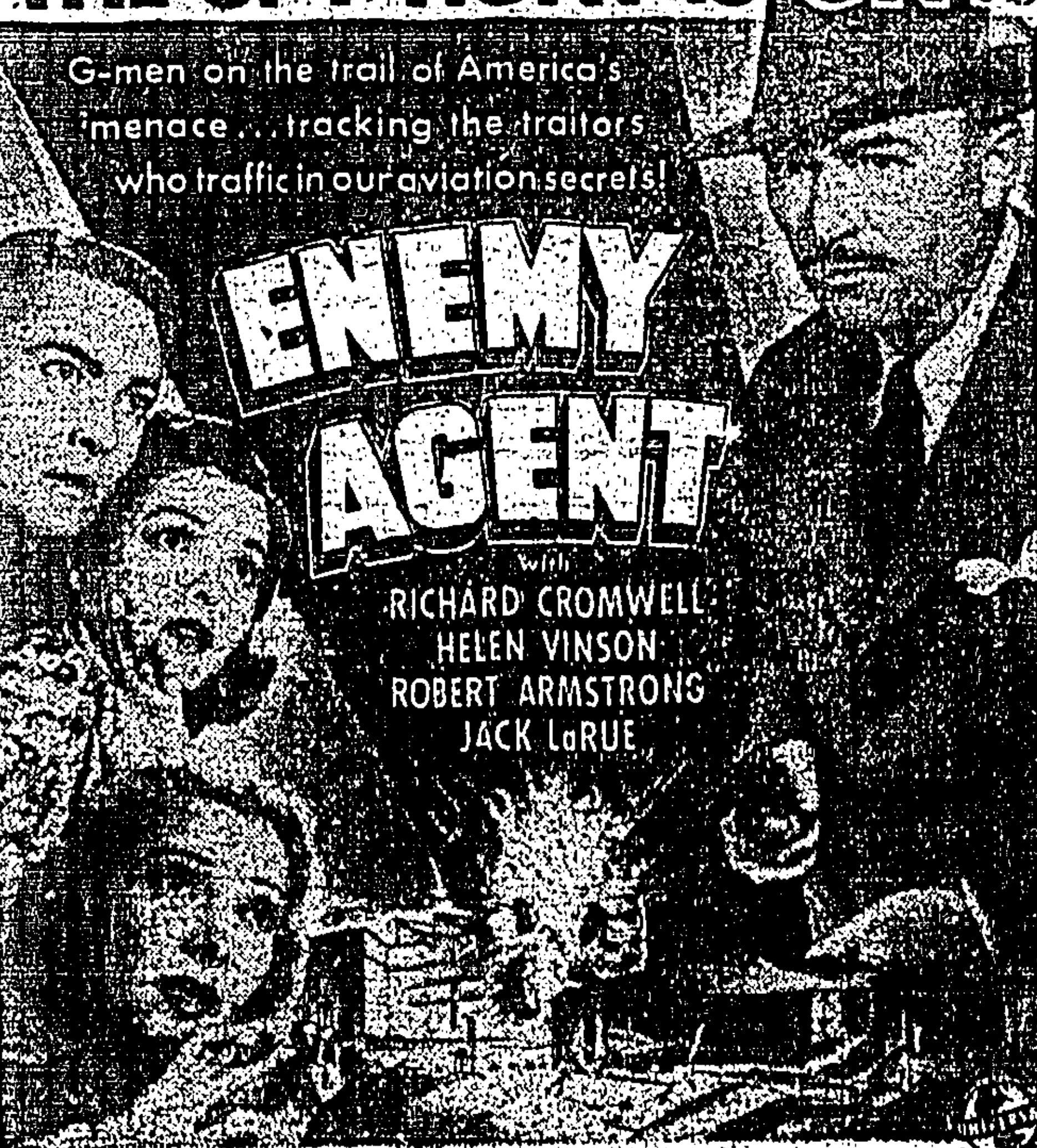
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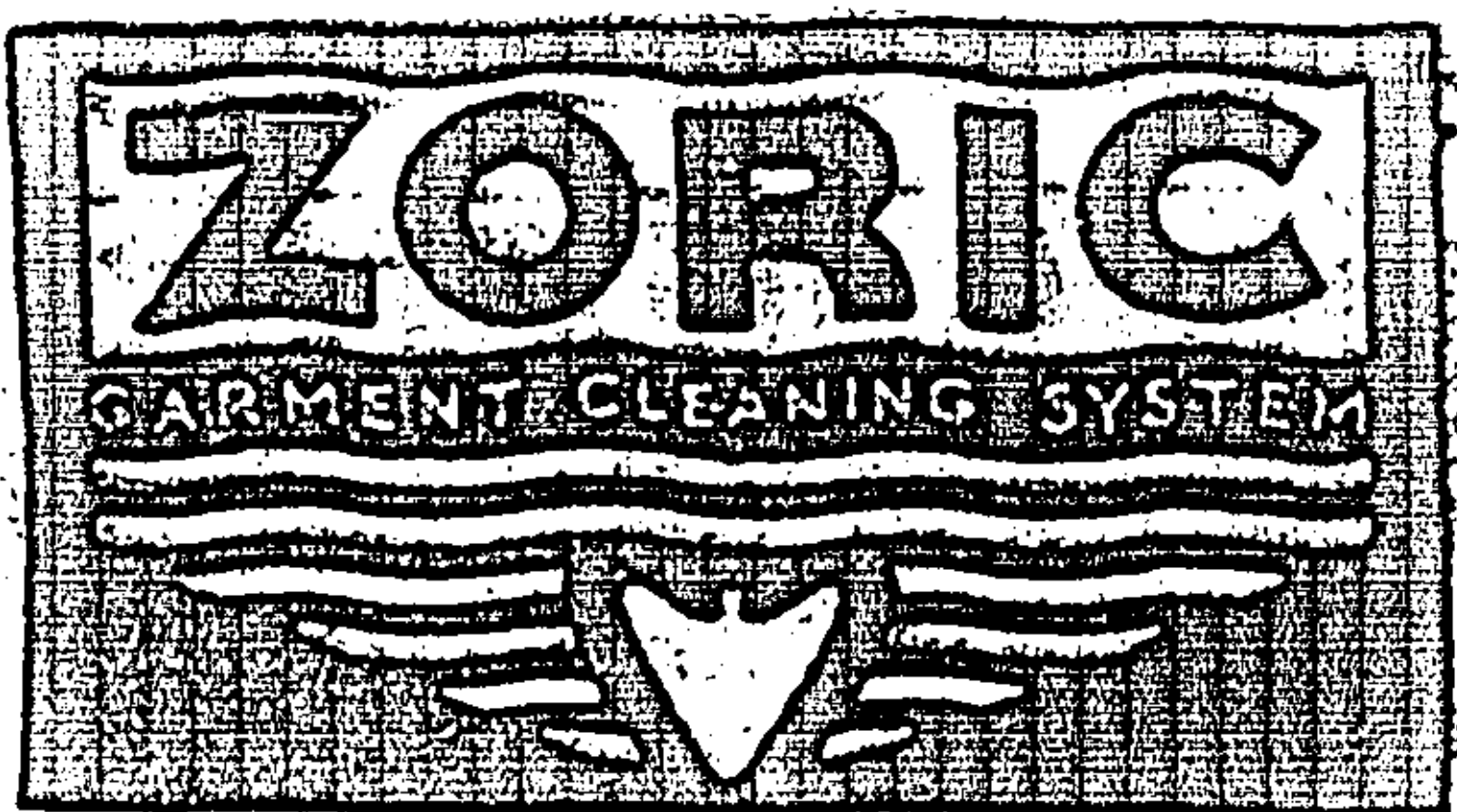


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POLAND MAKING HISTORY WITH HER SMALL FLEET

POLAND, FOR ME, used to begin at Tower Bridge; at the end of a long taxi drive before midnight, and on the far side of a little door opening in to a warehouse wall.

The policeman who found the door for you never came quite inside; but the beam of his torch would travel as far as he could throw it for you along the dusty floor.

At the edge of the floor was the gleam of dark water and a gangway and, low down in dock, waiting for the morning tide, one of the little Polish cargo vessels, says the English-wife of a Polish officer in "The Daily Telegraph."

From London the run took from three to four days. You could sit on deck in January perfectly warm in a sheepskin coat. I remember the shining white houses along the water-front of Gdynia and the great sweep of the harbour; the brilliant Polish sunshine, the sparkling snow and the deep unbroken blue of the Polish sky.

Peace Dream Ends

At the end of the first Great War, Gdynia was a poverty-stricken fishing village. The Polish nation had had to survive four Occupations which began in the 18th century and culminated in 1914-18. In 1919-20 they had to survive and repel a Bolshevik invasion.

A Polish army—short of arms, short of equipment, short of everything, in retreat; volunteers, students, boys—had stood with its back to Warsaw and won what is now called the Eighteenth Decisive Battle of the World. On the Baltic a strip of seaboard returned to Poland.

The fishing village became one of the world's largest and most modern ports. The Polish people dreamed of a peaceful merchant fleet, linking nations and carrying Polish timber, coal and bacon to the world.

With the rise of Nazi Germany, the dream of peace ended—not only for the Poles. In 1936 a six-year plan for the construction of a navy was laid down, a terrific drain on the resources of the country. War came even earlier than had been feared.

At its outbreak the full strength of this navy was as follows:

4 destroyers: Blyskawica (1936), Grom (1936), Wicher (1928), Burza (1929).

1 minelayer: Gryf (1936).

1 torpedo-boat: Mazur (1916).

5 submarines: Sep (1938), Orzel (1938), Wilk (1929), Rys (1929), Zbik (1936).

8 minesweepers and a number of auxiliary patrol vessels.

Poland's Fleet Air Arm consisted of seventeen seaplanes and three aeroplanes.

From March, 1939, onwards this fleet was standing by and the training ships were feverishly working. The Polish Naval Command was obliged to make unspeakably painful decisions.

On August 30 a signal ran up to destroyers anchored off Okswie ordered three of them, the Grom, Burza and Blyskawica, to make for British waters and there join forces with the Royal Navy. Less than 48 hours later the outbound crews, listening to a communique, learnt that their country was being bombed from the air and her soil invaded by the German armies.

Recently in British waters, aboard this same Burza, I had some of this sea story pieced together for me.

The remaining destroyer, the Wicher, was immediately attacked by eight German destroyers, of which she sank one and badly damaged another. A second attack by ten destroyers followed.

On this point the Germans concentrated their fire. The garrison, whose whole strength was

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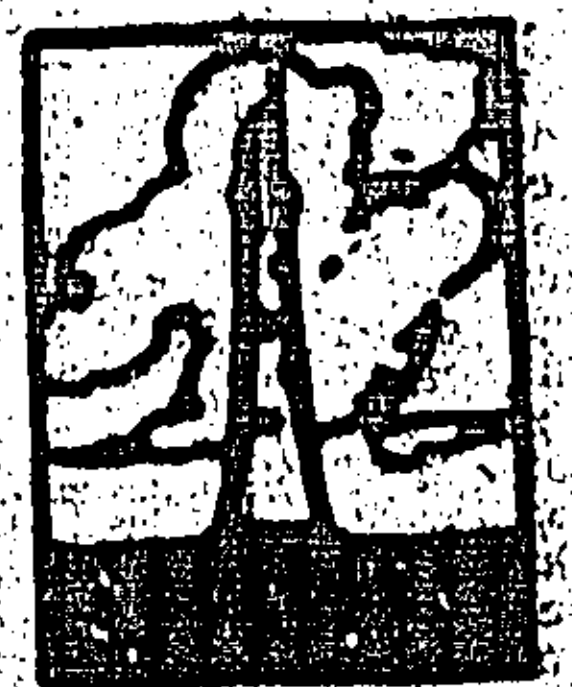
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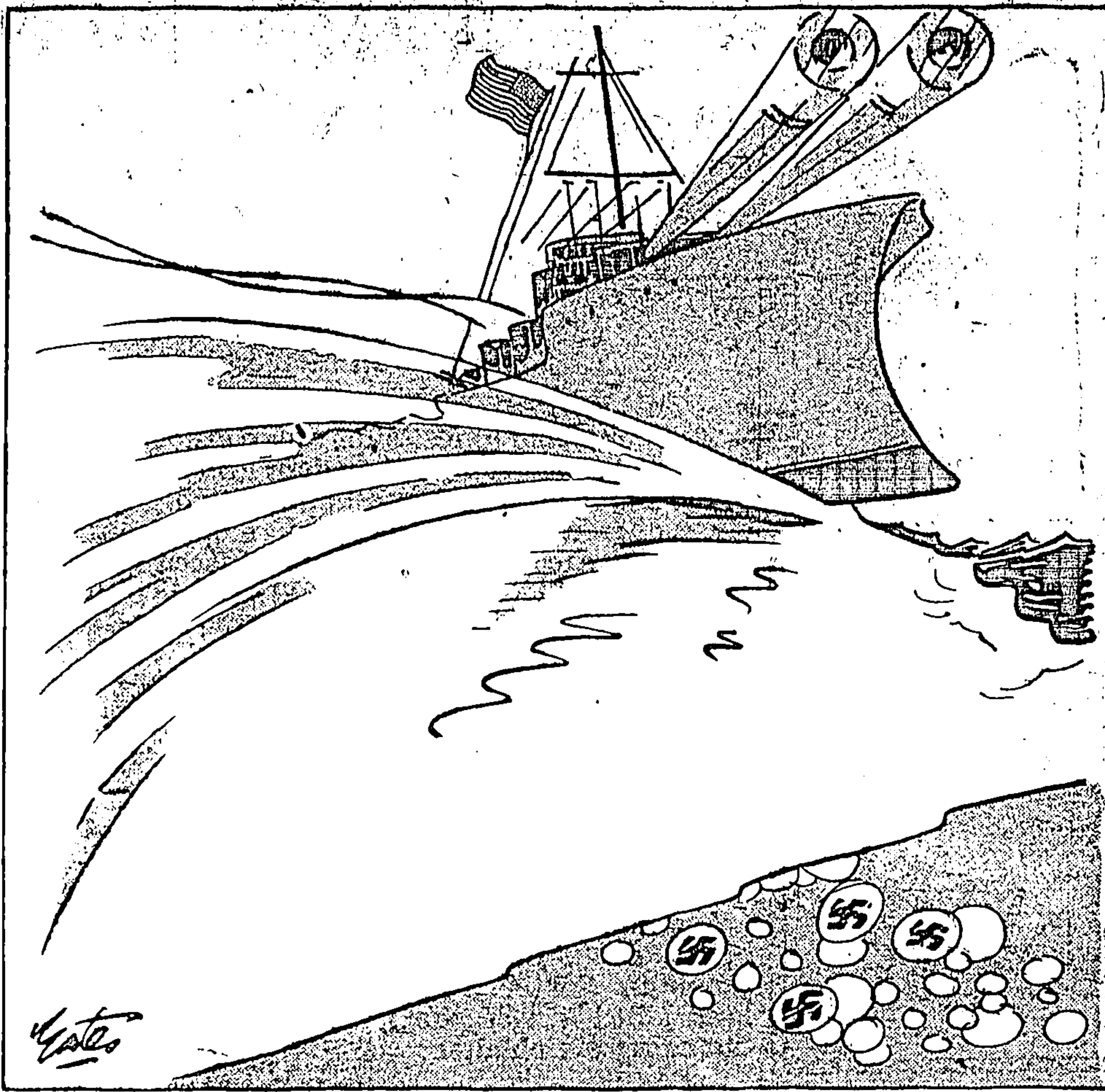
THE THREAT FROM VICHY

Shrouded by a familiar smoke screen of rumour, the men of Vichy are moving toward fateful decisions. The precise form which these decisions will assume cannot, of course, be known; it is doubtful, indeed, that the Vichy Cabinet itself is certain of its course, if the tales of dissension in its ranks are true. But the extent of the demands which Hitler and the Hitler-minded of France are making upon Marshal Petain may be judged with some accuracy from the Paris press, and the willingness of the Vichy government to meet those demands seems to be reflected in recent statements by prominent members of the regime. Should the shadows cast against the sky by these twin portents be translated into reality, there can be no question but that the United States will be faced by the gravest problem yet to arise from the European conflict.

Reports from abroad suggest several reasons for Hitler's present manoeuvres in Vichy. He is believed to be seeking increased industrial aid from France because of the strain of the Russian war; a diplomatic victory, too, would be helpful in restoring some of the prestige which the Reich has lost upon the eastern plains. But for America the most dangerous aspect of the current negotiations in Vichy is that which relates to the French colonies. The press of Paris, which has so faithfully reflected the views and desires of the Nazis, has demanded military collaboration between France and Germany to "protect" Dakar and, apparently, the French possessions in the Western Hemisphere from the "Anglo-Saxons." The example of Indo-China is not reassuring in this regard, and, clearly, Vichy's attempt to distinguish between the position of the Far Eastern portions of the French Empire and those in other parts of the world has failed to satisfy the State Department. Moreover, the hint which emerged from Vichy to the effect that Germany would be granted port facilities and transport privileges in the French possessions has an ominous ring.

If these "port facilities and transport privileges" include, as well they may, facilities and privileges to German planes and sub-

THE GREER INCIDENT



LESS TALK THE BETTER

A Bomber Short

IT is strange how regrettable a clear sky can be when one is waiting for R.A.F. bomber aircraft engaged on a daylight raid to return to their station. One becomes imaginative and projects one's mind across the Channel to enemy territory.

I, too, have flown over Bethune, and the picture of our Blenheims approaching their target develops in my mind. I can hear the crack of anti-aircraft defences, and the "ping!" and whistle as little black puffs of smoke appear all round the aircraft, and fragments of bursting shell tear through the air.

Suddenly the formation swings and swoops. The bomb almsers are prone on their stomachs, their eyes glued to the sights. A hand reaches out. A lever is pulled. Death goes sailing down, and flashes, followed by heaving debris and clouds of smoke, tell where the bombs have landed.

"What time will the boys be back?" I asked the Intelligence Officer.

"Four o'clock," he replied, without hesitation. These raids are run with railway time-table precision.

It seems a long way to four o'clock, possibly because no one here at the station knows what is happening in the interval. Radio silence is always maintained during daylight raids. Signals might give information to the enemy.

In a quarter of an hour now the tension will be over. We shall know the best—and the worst.

I am allowed to climb the control tower where the Duty Pilot stands looking out to the south-east, searching the sky as a sailor in the crow's nest of a ship. Now and then he puts his binoculars to his eyes.

And then: "Here they are!" Far over the horizon some tiny specks can be seen shimmering dully as they catch the sun. The Duty Pilot strains his eyes to count the home comers.

"Hell!" he exclaims. "One missing. Blast the breeze bears the end of the sentence away."

The crews are now climbing into the tender that will take them back to the interrogation hangar. I go with them.

"What happened to 'J'?" asks the station commander. "Did

you see anything of him?"

"He was with us till we came out over Dunkirk," answers one of the observers. "They put up a devil of a packet from there and I saw 'J' go down in a gentle glide. He didn't appear to be in much trouble, but he must have been, because he broke formation. I didn't see him after he started to go down."

No one made any comment, but we must all have a vision of three of those laughing boys crashing

By
**RICHARD
HAESTIER**

into the dancing waters of the English Channel. Perhaps they are floating there now, hoping to be rescued.

In the interrogation hut the Intelligence Officer is about to question the crews when there is a commotion. The word goes round that the missing aircraft is safe, and the whole station seems to rush out to the tarmac lining the aerodrome. First among them is the Station Commander. In his car. The fire engine has also arrived and is waiting while the crew climb into their asbestos fire-fighting suits.

The medical officer is doubling up from his quarters, and the ambulance is there.

Meanwhile, the missing Blenheim has approached the aerodrome at about 2,000 feet. All eyes are turned toward it, as if in answer to our gaze, the rear gunner fires a distress signal. Back goes the answering signal from the Duty Pilot, and we all strain our eyes to see evidence of damage. The bomber comes lower, in a gentle circle, and a great jagged tear can be seen in the side of the fuselage.

Almost immediately it can be seen from the way the pilot is manoeuvring that he cannot get his landing gear down. He will have to use all his skill to land the aircraft on its belly. It's a tricky business, and if the pilot is wounded.

Presently, when about only 500 feet up, the bomber takes a wider sweep.

In, in, in it comes—lower, lower, lower. Will the pilot, by bad luck, hit a small ridge and turn over? The palms of my hands become damp. The aircraft is nearly down. No more than two feet from the ground. Suddenly it wobbles—shudders, perhaps,

would be a more accurate word. At the same time it staggers upwards, trying to get into the air again. Something has gone wrong and the pilot is trying to snatch a second attempt. He is going to hit the hangars.

We wait for the impact. He has missed them and disappeared over the roof.

The drama is repeated. But something has gone wrong again. This time it looks as if the Blenheim is going to charge us, and, without a word, the crowd on the tarmac turn and run, ducking as they go. But the Blenheim has missed us and the hangars again.

For the third time it comes in, sinks lower and lower. First feet, three, two. Will it never stop hovering and land?

There is a gasp from the ground, and then a spontaneous cheer and handclapping. The pilot has put his wounded craft down with magnificent skill.

Like a relay race we all start across the aerodrome. The Station Commander is there first.

But—relief that is anti-climax—three heads appear and three smiling men climb out unaided.

"Everyone all right?" asks the Station Commander.

"Fine!" says the pilot, while the other two grin their reassurance.

But before we realise what has happened, the one good engine has started to smoke. But the firemen are too quick to allow a mishap now. Two thick streams of white foam are pouring from hoses into the engine cowling.

Dodging the spray, we examine the engine. It has caught a "packet."

"It was all right going out, I guess," says the pilot, a young American. "It was cloudy all the way after we got over the Channel. I thought we should never be able to find the target. Then, by luck, someone had made a hole for the job. It exactly framed the target and we plunked everything through it."

"But coming back, out, over Dunkirk they were popping stuff up like mad. The stuff I got was meant for the leading formation, but they missed it and I went in to it. I immediately went down to sea level to get out of it."

"Approaching Ramsgate the port prop disappeared and the front of the engine fell out."

"Why didn't you put down at Manston?" asked the Wing Commander.

"Well," drawled the American, "I took the thing up from here and I guess I was going to put it down here again."

He grinned. That is the way the R.A.F. boys figure things out.

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FRENCH NORTH AFRICA AT MERCY OF INVADER

(From A Special Correspondent
Somewhere In Morocco)

THE FAIR-SIZED French army in North Africa would be unable to resist for any considerable time attack by a well-equipped modern army. It has few planes and little fuel and ammunition. It is also short of mechanised artillery and motor transport.

These are facts that need to be faced in view of the news that the Germans have begun to back with threats their pressure on Vichy for the use of Tunisian bases, including Bizerta.

TEN KILLED IN ONE HOUSE

A bomb which hit a house containing twelve people in Southern England killed ten of them, including six children.

The two survivors, both children, are in hospital seriously injured.

They are the only two left of a family of nine, for their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Morant, and five brothers and sisters were killed. The other child was an evacuee.

A sailor home on leave and a Miss Martin were the other victims. The house was on the outskirts of a village.

80, Defies Hitler

When four high-explosive bombs fell near a cottage in another district of Southern England Mrs. Buchanan, 80, refused to quit her bed, although ceilings had collapsed and windows were shattered.

She had lived there all her life, she said, and would not let Hitler turn her out.

A platelayer in a country cottage heard a heavy thud on his roof and found a large parcel burst open. It contained hundreds of German propaganda leaflets in English.

If the authorities gave him permission, he will sell them at a penny each for the local Spitfire fund.

Two aiders were destroyed.

The Nazis are also demanding passage through Tunisia for troops for Gen. Rommel in Libya.

It is probable that the Nazis will soon force the issue and they are as likely to come through North Africa from Tunisia westwards as through Spain southwards.

German infiltration into North Africa is not confined to Morocco, and it is noticeable that Algeria and Tunisia are both in a worse economic position than Morocco.

Anti-German Feelings

Were Vichy to acquiesce in the German demands and the local French follow suit there would hardly be any need to send large bodies of troops by land and sea. The operation could be performed by air alone, even if there were some French resistance.

Vichy's behests, however, are always less than German demands, and the behests are carried out in North Africa as incompletely and inefficiently as possible. "Ca' canny" methods are the only weapon of the local French authorities.

There is very real anti-German feeling among the population and officials in Morocco, but there is no indication that they would offer effective resistance to attack, although the evolution of the situation in Syria may somewhat change this attitude.

German Agents

You hear little criticism of our action in Syria, at least from the better-informed French.

Few uniformed Germans are seen in Morocco. But numbers of "tourists" in ill-fitting ersatz tweed suits, stalk along with the air of conquerors. Though the total number of German agents is not very great, there are enough to hold Morocco in a web of espionage.

Everyone tells you that Morocco's only hope is a vague one of some assistance from the United States, though it is realised that this could only occur as part of a general scheme agreed on between Britain and the United States.

'GAOL LISTENERS' GALL

The Nazi-controlled Paris radio has appealed to the authorities to imprison for six months everybody who listened to the B.B.C. and to confiscate their radio sets.

FIRST STORK SATCHELS

The first "Stork Satchel"—a specially designed medical kit to aid in emergency baby deliveries—has arrived in England from the U.S.

After hearing how so many mothers have given birth to babies in shelters and other strange places during the blitz, women volunteers in the American Red Cross got busy making portable "hospitals" for us.

They call them "Stork Satchels," and they are made in three sections.

The first consists of an operating gown, operating cap, leggings, masks, rubber gloves, sheets, hand towels and hospital bed shirt.

The second is a layette. This includes everything for a newly-born baby from tiny embroidered dresses to a packet of safety pins.

The third contains comforts and necessities for the mother.

TRAIN 'SUNK' BY WARSHIP

A fight between a Russian warship and a German armoured train was described by Moscow radio.

The announcer said that the train broke through to a railway station near the coast and opened heavy fire on Soviet positions.

A Soviet warship in the vicinity was ordered by radio to attempt to destroy the train.

The warship raced to the coast and opened fire. After the third salvo the train crashed into a ravine. A few more salvos and the train was a smoking ruin.

AIR HERO IS KING'S AIDE

Holder of two bars to the D.S.O., both awarded during this war — Group Captain Basil Edward Embry has been appointed Air Aide-de-Camp to the King. He succeeds Acting Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Fugate Lloyd.

Group Captain Embry won the D.S.O. when in command of a squadron in Waziristan in 1938.

First bar was won at Stavanger, where he led a squadron in attacks on the aerodrome.

The second bar was awarded for his work in operations in the Low Countries and France.



Melvyn Dougas is starred with Rosalind Russell in Columbia's hectic new comedy "This Thing Called Love", which will shortly be shown at the King's Theatre.

HOW ENEMY RAIDERS COURSE IS LOGGED

A SLIM GIRL in W.A.A.F. uniform moved counters about upon an immense table which was a map of England. At a glance a Wing Commander interpreted for me: "One minute ago there were nine enemy 'planes of a certain type flying due west over that area at 10,000ft. and they were being attacked by fighters from the station shown upon the wall," says Mr. Stewart Sale in "The Daily Telegraph."

This was but a fiction to illustrate the sort of thing that happens in this operations room of a Fighter Command group, where they have turned the sky upside down and spread it out, like a tablecloth, deep underground.

As the R.A.F. men say, trade was poor at the moment, so the Controller, looking down from a gallery, as though from the stratosphere, was running through exercises to keep his staff alert.

The lights in this room were switched on in September, 1939, and have never been switched off again. Night and day since then moves in the Battle of Britain have been played out here in a strange business of coloured lights, teleprinters, loudspeakers and black-boards, with girls shoving things about upon the map with long poles shaped like shepherd's crooks.

Tell-Tale Movements

A teleprinter stuttered out a message from an Observer Corps centre: watchers at their post had sighted three aircraft at 10,000ft. With an arrangement of discs and numbers and a movement of her pole, a girl plotted them upon the map. Had the message shown that these were enemy 'planes—and had this been reality instead of make-believe—the Controller might have flipped a switch, spoken a few words into a microphone, and so sent fighter pilots, miles away scrambling into their machines.

As it was, one of the discs showed that the 'planes were not yet identified—and the Controller held his hand.

A yellow light, which for five minutes had been shining at the head of the table, became a blue one, and, deft as croupiers, the girls raked some of the symbols from the map, for if it were not revised the picture would be lost in detail no longer needed.

Every time the light changes from yellow to blue, or from blue to red, the picture stands forth again, showing all that is happening in the group's area and in the areas of neighbouring groups as well, from the north-east coast to the Channel and from the Peninsular eastwards to the sea.

Constant Reports

To the making of it goes information from many sources—from the constant reports of the Royal Observer Corps, from coast watching stations, from ships at sea and from the liaison officers of Bomber and Coastal Commands who are stationed at group headquarters. This information is co-ordinated and checked by a special section and then relayed by telephone and teleprinter to the plotters seated round the table-map.

While I talked to the Wing Commander something happened to that plot he had explained to me. The symbol representing the attacked squadron had been removed and a figure 9 had become a figure 2.

"What is supposed to have happened there," he said, "is that the squadron has returned to its base and seven of the enemy have been shot down. If you watch the panel you will see how that is recorded."

As he spoke a line of coloured lights winked beneath the name of a station upon the wall, picking out the words, Squadron ordered to land. "At the same moment two black squares appeared on the map. Genuine Huns, he pointed out. But they are not important. Trade everywhere is poor just now."

The point of showing on the map what is happening in the areas of other groups, as well as in our own, is that the Controller thus has warning of impending attacks, and can prepare for them

Keeping Records

In a glass-fronted cubicle, next to the Controller's, sat Army officers with means of instant communication with anti-aircraft batteries and searchlight stations. In many rooms, opening off long corridors, I passed girls keeping records from which it would be possible to trace the course of every 'plane detected over the area since war began, soldiers working teleprinters, an elaborate switchboard, a weather department—all many feet below ground in an atmosphere dry and salty, like that of the Bakerloo.

The officer commanding the group sits apart in an office adorned with maps and charts and dangling models of German 'planes. He knows all that is happening, and, if he so wishes, will take over control of the operations room, needing no more than a movement or two to study the map.

What you see here, he told me, shows something of the immense organisation that we have had to build up since the fall of France. When France dropped out of the war we had to put groups all round the country so as to be able to deal with the Hun no matter where he might come in. Now we have had time to get our breath and things are really going quite well.

We use scientific methods. We are not hidebound by tradition in that matter, and we have gone ahead. We have shot down enemy aircraft as far as 100 miles out to sea. Convoys are a very important concern of ours.

Hun Doesn't Like It

We have a tremendous and complicated system of communications. We can talk to any sector merely by turning a switch. When the men of the Royal Observer Corps report enemy aircraft there is a lag of two or three minutes before the message reaches us from the centre which checks and sorts out all such reports, but we should have aircraft off the ground within five or six minutes.

In these dull times we may put up half a dozen sectors to have a go at a rabbit, for pilots are apt to get a bit bored when they have nothing to do. We teach all the squadrons to work over other groups as well as over their own. I can stop the guns if I want to and the searchlights as well.

The night-fighters, too, move at our direction. If we had had another clear moon last week-end, and if the Hun had played, our results might have made an interesting study in the light of those of last month. You can see he does not like what he is getting from us by the way he comes in now—but I don't think he has yet had a severe enough crack to put him off.

He looked at his maps, shook his head and said, with simple regret "I'm sorry trade's so poor."

SIRENS TO BE TESTED

The Direction of Air Raid Precautions announces that all air raid sirens in Hong Kong and Kowloon will be tested simultaneously some time between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to-morrow, Wednesday.

The test will consist of a continuous blast of 1½ minutes duration.

J. P. ABSENT FOR 20 YEARS

A magistrate who lives opposite a police court has never attended for 20 years and never signed a summons in that time.

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'50 UP' FOR NIGHT ACES

A famous night-fighter squadron has achieved the record of bringing down fifty enemy raiders after dark.

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This pilot nearly scored a "double" for shortly afterwards he intercepted another raider, hit it, and then lost it.

Less than an hour later the squadron bagged its fifty-first victim.

The squadron has received the following message from their group commander: "Congratulations on passing your half century. Keep up the good work. I look forward with confidence to the hundred up."

'COWBOY' AIR RIDE

Somersaulting from a training aeroplanes 500ft. in the air, flying cadet Woodrick, 23, landed on the tail of the machine and rode cowboy fashion to the ground at East St. Louis, Illinois.

He told a New York correspondent: "We were practising landing. The instructor nosed the plane down and out I went."

"I turned a complete somersault and landed astride the fuselage right next to the tail. I just sat still until the instructor landed."

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A Polish green grocer in Warsaw, Dombroski, has been arrested by the Nazis.

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Twelve secret newspapers are now being published in Warsaw alone with a total circulation of about 150,000. Some have been smuggled from Poland to London. It is said that Mr. Churchill was amazed when shown a copy of one containing the photograph of the signing of the British-Polish Military agreement.



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A DOUBLE SQUEEZE By The Four Aces

"A double squeeze is always interesting," writes Booker Linton, of St. Louis. "but this hand which I played really played itself."

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 6 4
♥ A J 6 5 3 2
♦ Q 2
♣ A 10 8

WEST

♠ 7 3
♥ K Q 10 8 7
♦ 5 3
♣ Q 7 6 3

EAST

♠ Q J 10 9 2
♥ 9 4
♦ 7 6 4
♣ J 9 2

SOUTH

♠ A K 8 5
♥
♦ A K J 10 9 8
♣ K 6 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

"The only problem was to make all thirteen tricks. West opened the heart King, which marked him with the Queen. Dummy went up with the Ace, and I (South) discarded the four of clubs. I then cashed the top spades and led a low spade. West ruffed with the three of diamonds, and dummy had to over-ruff with the Queen. But now it was clear that all the cards were properly placed for the double squeeze, so I just returned a trump from dummy and ran every single trump in my hand.

"My last four cards were the trump (which I had just led), a spade and the King and a low club. Dummy held the Jack of hearts and three clubs. When the last trump was led, West discarded a club in order to save the heart in dummy — and East felt the pressure. He had three clubs and the spade Queen, and couldn't prevent me from taking the rest of the tricks."

Once again we thank Mr. Linton for contributing an exceedingly well played hand. Somehow or other a good player always tends to think that his best plays are nothing at all but a double-squeeze hand doesn't "play itself" — it requires careful management.

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Yesterday you were Merwin

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sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 9 7
♥ 3
♦ A J 10 4
♣ Q 6 5 3 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Schenken	Maier
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠
2♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: You must pass. The double indicates defensive strength and also warns you that five spades may be a dangerous contract. Having left it to your partner to decide, you have no reason to interfere now with your partner's decision.

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POLAND MAKING HISTORY WITH HER SMALL FLEET

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took patrol around Narvik, with orders to reconnoitre for the battery which had damaged Blyskawica.

On May 3 she uncovered the battery and coming inshore to find the range fired so accurate a salvo that the battery was wiped out. Groups of German soldiers were observed hurrying from all sides to a building in the centre of the town. Again Grom found the range and another salvo demolished the building. In the notebook of a dead German officer was found an entry describing Grom as "the Polish mad dog." Next morning the destroyer was hit amidstships from the air and sank. About 60 of her crew, chiefly stokers and engine-room ratings, were lost with her.

The Polish ships were at Dunkirk. Hardly one Polish liner or merchant ship had been captured by the Germans, and since the beginning of the war they have been operating with the British, transporting troops, ammunition, raw material and supplies. After the collapse of France they brought thousands of Allied troops across the Channel. The little Polish merchant ships, sold one officer, went backwards and forwards like taxis.

On Convoy Duty

In spite of losses in action the Polish Navy is growing.

Some months after Narvik the British Admiralty presented a new destroyer to replace the loss of Grom. The destroyer Piorun and a submarine, Sokol, are new acquisitions. They are manned by Polish sailors who have fought their way out of concentration camps and prisons, men well fitted for the grim and harassing job of convoy, the most vital as well as the most exacting the Royal Navy has to demand.

When the senior officer in command of a convoy is a Pole he takes full responsibility to the British Admiralty for the whole convoy. Peaceful little Polish cargo steamers, like those which used to wait for us below Tower Bridge, now carry guns and serve in the front line.

THE LEG OF A DONKEY

Twenty years ago Major George Bradstock, of Yokehurst, East Chillington, Lewes, saw a donkey giving rides to children on Bournemouth sands.

The donkey—Sally—was suffering from sores and was ill-nourished. To save her a life of misery, Major Bradstock bought her and she lived on his farm.

But Sally's life of leisure ended when she was shot by Inspector E. Winn, of the R.S.P.C.A., and at Lewes Police Court Major Bradstock was summoned by the society.

It was alleged that the donkey suffered unnecessarily through not having its hoofs pared.

He pleaded not guilty and, the case was dismissed.

Leg Shown In Court

It was stated that there was no suggestion that Major Bradstock was of cruel disposition, or that there was any deliberate cruelty. The donkey's leg and hoof was exhibited in court.

After the case, Major Bradstock claimed Sally's leg.

He said the animal had been a great pet and he intended having the leg mounted and put on his writing desk.

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Westminster's compulsory registration for fire-watching duties has been ignored by two-fifths of the population liable for service, an official of the council said when registration officially ended.

"People living in the Mayfair district have been the worst offenders," he stated. "To-night scrutineers will start to check up on all those who have not registered. We are going to give them a further week of grace by keeping open the registration bureau at Alhambra House, Charing Cross Road, each day, and then we shall prosecute all the dodgers."

"Nearly 100 per cent. of those who have registered are already engaged on civil defence or fire-watching duties."

"Some people believe that if they pay a fire watcher to look after their premises their duties are at an end, but that is not so. Every British subject between 18 and 60 who lives in Westminster, even in a club or hotel, must register."

Hundreds of people who have been bombed out of their homes or who have given up their lodgings sleep in shelters in Westminster. These people are required to register, unless they still have homes outside the city.

The maximum penalty for fire-watch dodgers is a fine of £100 and three months' imprisonment.

15S. RENT FOR 7FT ROOM

For charging an extortionate rent, Mrs. Ellen Swannick, 57, of Old Hale-way, Hitchin, Herts, was fined £5, with £4 11s. 6d. costs, at Hitchin.

An airman stated that he paid 15s. rent for a box-room 7ft. 6in. by 6ft. 6in.

"The room was so small," he said, "that my wife and I had to move a table and chair on to the landing before we could go in and go to bed."

Two other rooms were let to another airman and his wife for 22s. 6d.

Another married couple paid 25s. for a bed-sitting-room.

The rent of the whole house was 16s. a week.



The mentally sketchy girlfriend thinks when her beau says skip it he means she should jump rope.

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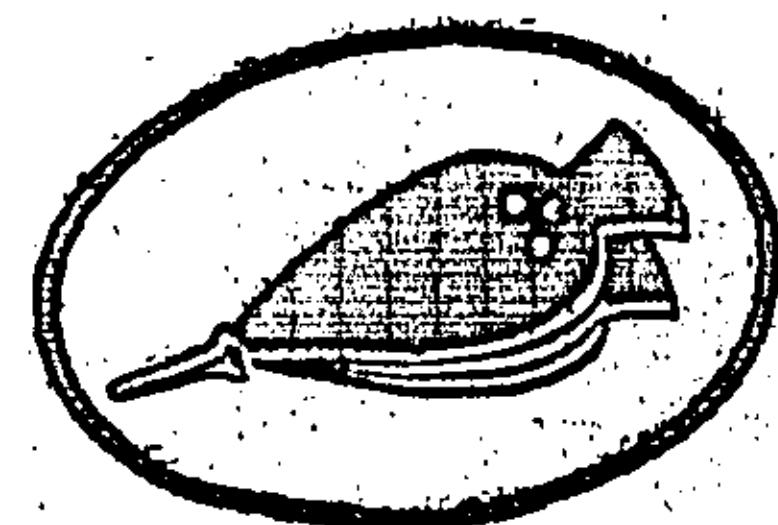
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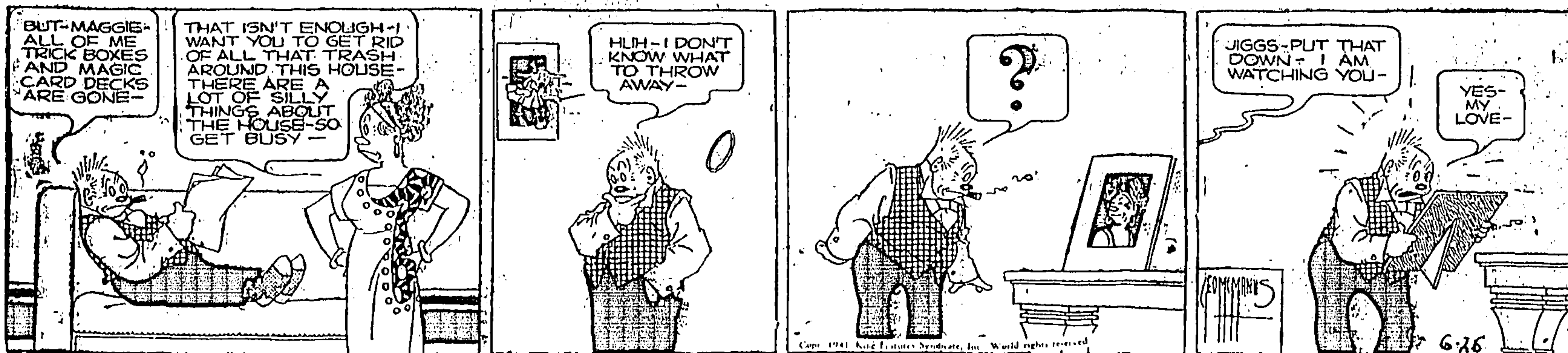


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JULY SCORE 435

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Forty-Plus Can Be Style Queen

Leading designers prefer to dress the woman of forty-plus instead of younger girls. Why? Because the mature woman can be truly chic if she builds her fashion portrait on a sound pattern of simplicity and learns to dramatise her good points and disguise her figure flaws. And that age she should have developed sufficient poise to carry off whatever becomes her no matter how individual it may be. Young girls have the "sheep" complex—they fear to be out of the flock!

The chic mature woman is aware that her best lines are simple and flowing. A long, sweep from neck to softly full hem with no break in the outline, and with drapery fullness above the waist to lead other eyes away from what may be an expanding waistline. No triple peplums or severe sheathes for her. She knows, too, that elbow-length sleeves, or bracelet length, are more flattering and her shoulders may be exaggerated only enough to balance below-the-waist weight.

Use Of Colour

Colour and fabrics are tools for her figure-sculpturing. Experience has taught her that subdued colours, and dull fabrics, minimise figure proportions whereas shiny surfaces and too-bright designs add pounds to her body. But contrast is used discriminately in accessories and trimming details as a panel of colour down a dark dress which slices a figure into three slivers!

The mature style queen chooses a basic colour (a navy blue, brown, black or green) and then builds up her wardrobe (no mat-

ter how limited or generous) around it. Smart handbags, shoes, gloves and hats which are interchangeable with several costumes, are great aids in making a woman appear to be well dressed and are also a means to adding splashes of colour.

Her Beauty

Individualised coiffures, skin kept lovely through care, hands well groomed and eyes alert are great beauty assets. The woman with graying or white hair can wear complexion colours in hats and scarfs, and the flimsiest, foamiest jabots and blouses with a dash that is envied by her younger sisters. If she dares, her hair may take on a lovely tint of mauve, or blue, and a careful selection of costume jewellery, (especially ear-rings and clips) worn with appropriate costumes, will lend an elegance to her wardrobe.

Yes, at forty, fifty or sixty, any woman can look stunning if she will play the rules of fashion. And she who keeps her body slim and posture regal will take the laurels every time! It is truly up to the individual to be a fashionable forty-plus, or a dowdy, discouraged middle-aged woman: who is growing old before her time.



For her dark mid-season dresses, the older woman wisely chooses a slimming rayon-sheer, designed with the simplicity that is to-day's fashion.

Cookery Corner

Don't, please, throw away your sour milk. It is useful and valuable. Here's how to use it:

For this you can use milk that has turned, even up to the point where it is so sour that the curd and the whey have separated on their own account.

Put the sour milk in a pudding basin or an old jam jar (earthenware), and this into a large saucepan with a little boiling water. Cover the saucepan with a lid.

Keep on lowest flame until the curd has risen to the top, or, should the milk be at the beginning of turning, until the whey has separated from the curd. A pint to a quart of sour milk should be in low steam for about fifteen to twenty minutes.

Place a fine cloth over a basin and pour the heated sour milk carefully into this. Gather the ends of the cloth and tie them tightly together.

Hang this on a nail, placing a basin underneath to catch the whey which runs and drips out. Leave this to drip for three to

the remaining beans well covered).

Wash the beans you want under running water. Cover them with fresh water, adding one tablespoonful of vinegar to every quart used.

Bring almost to the boil very slowly. Just before boiling point strain the water off and rinse the beans once more in fresh cold water.

Make a sauce with stock (or water) and flour and chopped bacon or rinds. Season with pepper, vinegar and a little sugar. Add the beans to it and serve with fried potatoes.

four hours. Make sure that no dirt can fall into the whey.

Scrape the cheese out of the cloth and beat it with a fork. If you wish, add a little milk or, better, top of the milk bottle. Add salt to taste.

Here are some suggestions for making it different: Add finely-chopped spring onions, cayenne pepper, chopped chives, a little bottled sauce, any or all of these

Use this cheese as a sandwich spread or as a filling for Savoury Crepes. These make a most economical, delicious dish to replace meat. Make thin small pancakes. Spread a little of the cheese in the centre, fold and leave to cool.

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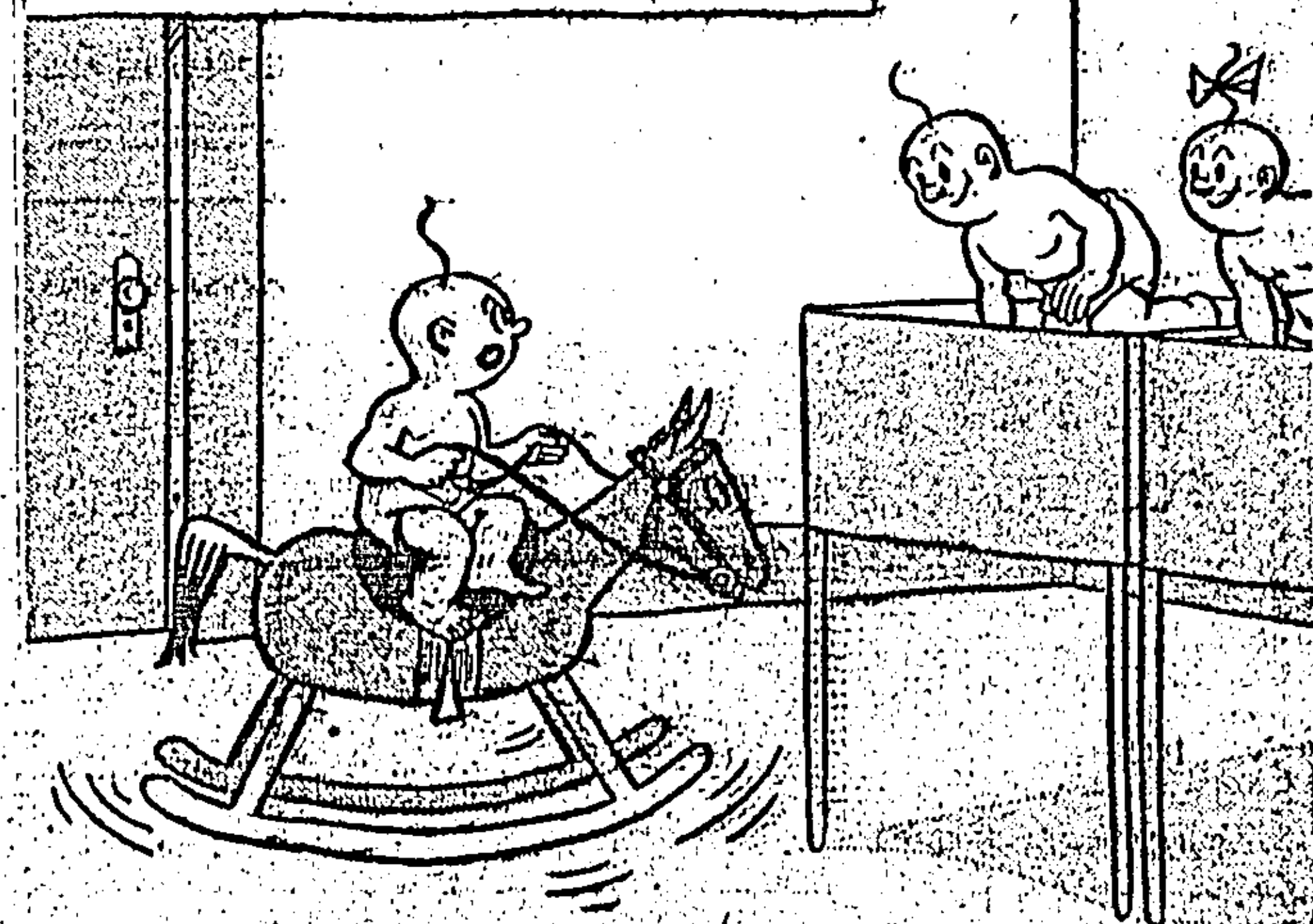
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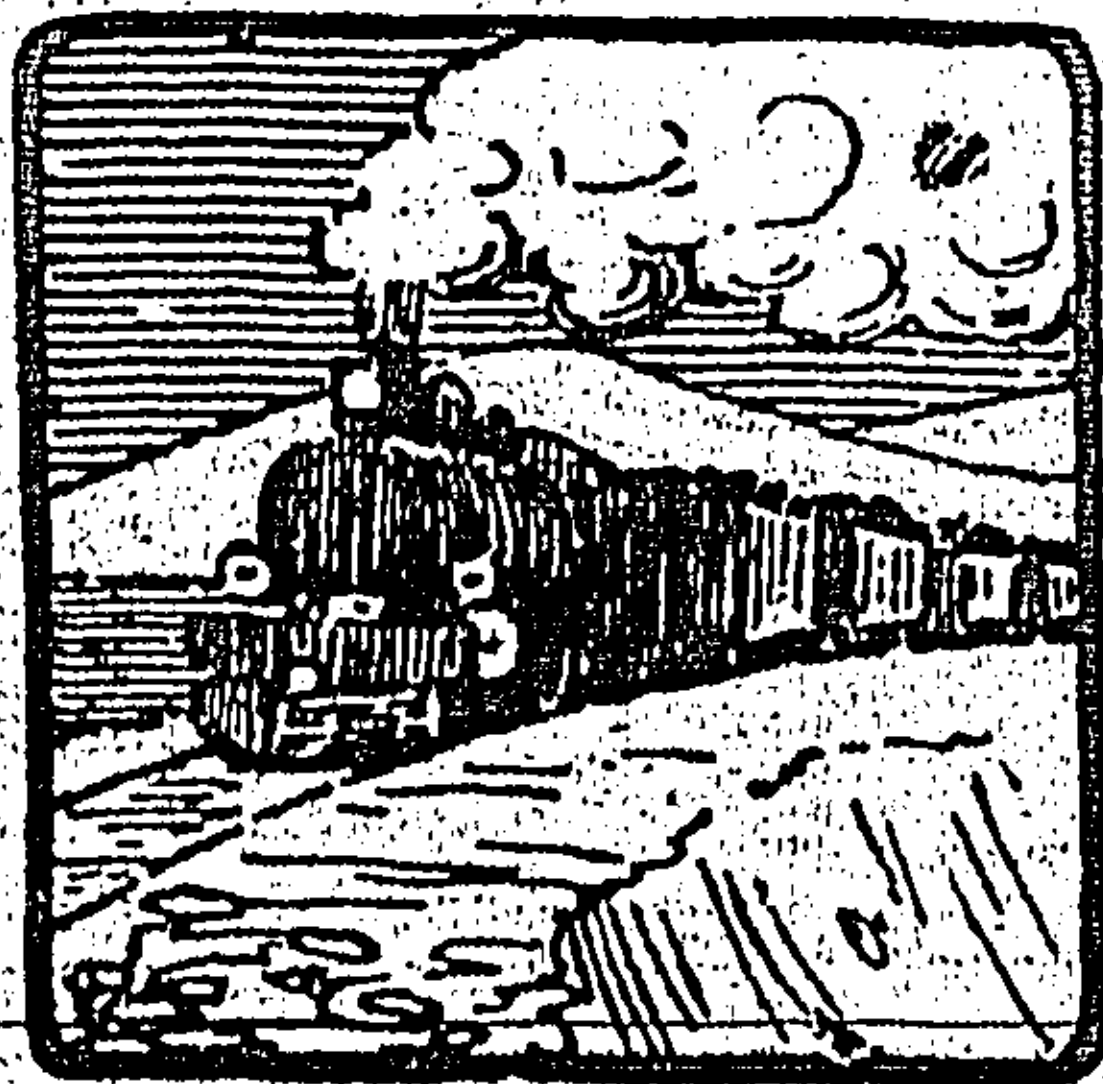
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Selections from Musical Comedy.
"Kind Of Jazz"—Selection (Yallen & Ager). The Regal Cinema Orch.
"Sunny Side Up"—Vocal Gems (D. Sylvia, Brown, Henderson). Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"On With The Show"—Selection.
Primo Scala's Accordion Band.
"Lights Up"—The Drift (Noel Gay). You've Done Something To My Heart (Eyton, Gay). Pat Kirkwood (Soprano) with Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 p.m.—Quentin Maclean (Organ) and Joe Green (Xylophone).
River Reveries—Intro: Swanee River; Blue Danube; Old Father Thames; Deep River; Song Of The Volga; Boatman; Old Man River. Quentin Maclean (Organ Solo).
Lady Of Madrid (Evans, Hargreaves); Xylophonia (Green). Joe Green with Milt Herth (Organ). With Eric Coates Thro' London—Intro: Knightsbridge; At The Dance (Summer Days); Bird Songs At Eventide; Three Bears; Covent Garden; Wood Nymphs; I Pitch My Lonely Caravan; London Bridge. Quentin M. Maclean.
The Whirlwind (Green). Joe Green with Organ.
When I Heard The Organ Play (Gilbert). Didn't Forget The Old Folks (Noel & Pelosi). Quentin M. Maclean.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—The Singing Hills; I've Got My Eyes On You (from film "Broadway Melody of 1940"). Joe Loss & his Orchestra.
Tango—Love Bells. Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—You're Gonna Lose Your Gal; My Wubba Dolly. Ella Fitzgerald & her Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—Who Told You I Cared (from film "Kid Nightingale"). Waltz—If I Should Fall In Love Again. Josephine Bradley & her Strict Tempo Dance Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Missouri Scrambler; Southern Fried. Joe Loss & his Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Debroy Somers Band and Pat Kirkwood (Vocal).
Theatre Memories—"The Gaity"—Intro: When I Marry Amelia (The Torador); Queen of My Heart; A Little Bit Of Sirling; Keep Off The Grass; Bedelia (The Orchid); Mary (Our Miss Gibbs); Brighton (Sunshine Girl); They wouldn't Believe Me (Tonight's The Night); 365 Days; Song Of The Vagabonds (Vagabond King); Every Woman Thinks She Wants to Wander (Mother of Pearl); Rocking With You In My Arms (Seeing Stars). Debroy Somers Band.
The Only One Who's Difficult Is You; Heaven Will Be Heavenly (from film "Band Wagon"—Davies). Pat Kirkwood with Orchestra.
Ballroom Memories (Waltzes)—Intro: Invitation To The Waltz; Destiny; Merry Widow; Three O'clock In The Morning; The Skaters; The Choristers; The Cuckoo; After The Ball. Debroy Somers Band.
My Kind Of Music (from film "Top Of The World"—Smith). Pat Kirkwood with Orchestra.
7.17 p.m.—Gerry Moore at the Piano.
Slow Fox-Trot Medley—Intro: You're The Picture; Love Is Like A Cigarette; In The Middle Of A Kiss; Without A Word Of Warning; Between A Kiss And A Sigh—Slow Fox-Trot (Burke, Johnson).
Shu' Eye—Quickstep (Mercer-Donaldson).
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—A Hill Billy Programme.
Twilight On The Trail (from film "Trail of the Lonesome Pine"). Riding The Range. In The Sky (Harry Carlton). Wilfrid Thomas (Baritone) with The Good Companions.
Rollin' Plains (from film "Rollin' Plains"—Samuels); Goin' Down To Santa Fe Town (Massey & Mable). Big Bill Campbell & his Hill Billy Band.
Texas Dan (Robinson); Happy Go Lucky (Robinson). Carson Robinson (Vocal) with Guitar, Accordion and Bass.
Tumbling Tumble Weeds (Nolan); Going Home. Jack Savage & his Cowboys.
Prairie Lullaby (Hill). Jimmie Rodgers (Yodler) with Novelty accomp.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Coleridge-Taylor—Four Characteristic Valses.
Valse Bohemienne—Valse Rustique—Valse De La Reine—Valse Mauresque. The New Light Symphony Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—Studio—"I Know A Man—Lord Lister". A Recorded Talk by Sir St. Clair-Thomson with Introduction from the Studio.
9.35 p.m.—Dukas—"L'Apprenti Sorcier". Leopold Stokowski and The Philadelphia Orchestra.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Vocal Solos.
Hungarian Dance No. 5 (Brahms); Menuet (Nash). Wall with Otto Schulhof (Piano).
Le Deluge—Prelude (Saint-Saens, Op. 43); Chanson Arabe (Rimsky-Korsakov); Tschu-Schdel with Piano.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary—Ballet Music.
10.15 p.m.—Schumann—Carnaval—Ballet Music. The London Ballet Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.
10.25 p.m.—Puccini's "Madam Butterfly"—Act I—Characters & Soloists in

RESCUER 7 HOURS A HUMAN PROP

FOR SEVEN HOURS a corporal acted as a human prop, holding up bomb debris which would have killed a trapped couple had it fallen. An officer, almost exhausted himself, held up the corporal's head to prevent him from being suffocated.

The corporal James Patrick Scully, 33, Pioneer Corps, who comes from Crumlin, near Dublin, has been awarded the George Cross. The officer Lieutenant Charles Chittenden gets the George Medal.

Lieutenant Chittenden was leading a rescue party when he located a man and woman who were buried. While others cut props Scully stayed with the trapped couple, preventing further debris from falling.

A long plank was inserted to take most of the weight, but gradually the props slipped, leaving Scully supporting one end of the plank and Lieutenant Chittenden the other. Slowly the weight increased, forcing Scully down till he lay across the trapped man.

Scully was in danger of being suffocated by having his head pressed into the debris, but the officer, though nearly exhausted, reached over and saved him. Scully remained in this position throughout the night until, more than seven hours later, the rescue party saved him and the couple.

Bombed Out 3 Times

Scully told the "Daily Mirror" that his wife and two-year-old son had been bombed out of their home three times. All he would say was: "I did my best. I thought of my wife and Tom and knew how I would feel if they were trapped."

Walked In Minefield

Several infantrymen were killed or injured when they accidentally entered a minefield.

Lieutenant-Colonel William Wilkinson went alone into the field, which was thick with unexploded mines, and brought out a wounded man. He gets the George Medal.

The George Medal is also won by Captain (temporary Major) Arthur Henry Morris, M.C., who commanded Royal Engineers sent to disarm the remaining mines.

Though it was difficult to locate them, Major Morris crawled to one, made it safe, then, still risking his life, helped to make others harmless so that the bodies could be brought out.

Saved Burning 'Plane

Ground staff of the R.A.F. who risked their lives dealing with burning aircraft are recognised in awards.

A George Medal goes to Aircraftman (2nd class) Charles

order of appearance:—Cho-Cho-San... Sheridan (Soprano); Suzuki, her servant; Mannarini (Mezzo-Sop.); Lieut. Pinkerton, U.S.N.; Cecil (Tenor); Sharpless, U.S. Consul; Weinberg (Baritone); Kate Pinkerton Lom (Mezzo-Sop.); and Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

Leonard Wheatley, who, standing two yards in front of a bomb which was likely to explode at any moment, succeeded, with the help of a fire picket, in preventing flames from a burning plane reaching the bomb.

To remove four 250lb. bombs from a crashed and burning plane, Acting Flight-Lieutenant William Richard Hardeman sawed through the damaged bomb-carriers while the machine was burning.

For this action, which prevented other aircraft and a hangar being damaged if the bombs had exploded, he is awarded the M.B.E.

PATIENT SAVED FROM BOMB

Hearing the noise of a falling bomb, Probationer Nurse Dorothy Kate Gardner, of the Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, threw herself across a woman patient to protect her.

The bomb hit the balcony outside the ward and brought down the roof, covering the nurse with an immense amount of wreckage. She was very seriously injured, but saved the patient's life. The London Gazette announced that she had been awarded the George Medal.

During a raid on Glasgow a tenement building was partly demolished by a bomb. Rescue workers tunnelled through to a trapped man, and Dr. Daniel Millar gave him morphia, but to release the man it was necessary to amputate his foot.

Dr. Millar, Police Surgeon McLaren Ord and Nurse Cecilia McGinty together entered the tunnel, and there Dr. Millar performed a 40-minute operation, while the two others gave the anaesthetic. The man was ultimately extricated.

The doctor, surgeon and nurse are made members of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire.

The Gazette records the award of 14 George Medals; 24 British Empire Medals; and 80 commendations.

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A Ministry of Labour statement says there are 6,386 women regarded as immobile with good cause. No work can be seen for them within the next three months. In addition, there were 17,763 women who considered themselves immobile. They were likely to be employed within three months.

No Compulsory Transfers

Only 2,905 were regarded as immobile without good cause, and their cases would be reviewed again.

The Ministry is not prepared, in view of domestic and other circumstances, to compel the transfer of certain women to other areas for work as this might be unjust.

The Minister is urging employers and the T.U.C. to see that full use is made of older women workers.

The official view is that if these come forward to do what might be called "hum-drum" work, they would release younger women for the Services or vital war work.

Drop Of 67,049

Unemployment figure on June 16 was 301,939, compared with 368,988 on May 12—a drop of 67,049.

Men and boys registered as wholly unemployed on June 16 number 121,502, a decrease of 20,422 compared with May 12. Of these, 34,763 had been classified as unsuitable for ordinary industrial employment.

The figures for women and girls were 122,094 wholly unemployed (of whom 3,975 were classified as unsuitable for fulltime employment), a decrease of 26,234.

COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP: COMPLETE DETAILS

The Colony Swimming Championships, to be held at Victoria Recreation Club on September 25 and 27, and October 2 and 4, have attracted a large number of entries and promise to produce some very keen competition. Entries received for the different events follow:

First Day, Thursday, Sept. 25, At 6.07 p.m.

Colony Championship—Men's 880 Yards free-style:—Yu Shin Kan (Chinese "Y"), Chiu Wai Lim (Sing Tao), Charles Huang (University), Chan Chun Nam (Lai Tsun), Yau Sai Kwan (Lai Tsun) and Lau Tai Ping (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards back-stroke:—Junior Championship:—J. A. Marques, C. Marcel and A. Alves.

V.R.C. Boys' 25 Yards free-style Handicap (12 years old and under):—George Noronha, Tony Osmond, Paul Silva, George Harris, Roberto Silva, Lionel Sequeira, Edo Noronha and Carlos Yvanovich.

Colony Championship—Women's 100 Yards breast-stroke:—Miss Chiu So-Bik (S.C.A.A.), Miss Ho Wai Man (S.C.A.A.), Miss Li Po Luen (University), Miss Chan Chai Pun (C.B.C.), Miss Ko Miu Ling (Lai Tsun), Miss Lo Po Kum (Lai Tsun), Miss Ng Shui Lin (H.K. & K.R. Union), Miss Sham Wai Yung (H.K. & K.R. Union) and Miss Shum Ho (H.K. & K.R. Union).

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards free-style Handicap:—L. Vieira, N. Broadbridge, C. Silva-Netto, F. A. Vieira and A. V. Alves.

Colony Championship—Men's 220 Yards back-stroke:—Au Leung Wah (S.C.A.A.), Chan Kuni Cheng (Chinese "Y"), Yang Yu Kwan (Chinese "Y"), Poon Wing Kai (Lai Tsun), Lau Yiu Ting (Lai Tsun), Robert Chan (C.B.C.), A. V. Lopes (V.R.C.), A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.) and W. Lawrence (V.R.C.).

V.R.C. Women's 50 Yards free-style Flat Race ("B" Class):—Miss Myra Noronha, Miss Therese Yvanovich, Miss Yvonne Yolle, Miss Yolanda Remedios and Miss Marguerite Guterres.

Colony Championship—Women's Fancy Diving:—Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.) and Miss Josephine Ng (V.B.C.).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards back-stroke:—Junior Championship:—H. Reynolds, G. Saunders, A. B. de Carvalho, E. D. da Roza and F. A. Noronha.

Colony Championship—Women's 220 Yards free-style:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Ko Miu Ling (Lai Tsun), Miss Lily Sadick (Lai Tsun), Miss Celeste Guterres (V.R.C.) and Miss Ng Pao Hing (H.K. & K.R. Union).

V.R.C. Boys' 75 Yards Medley Handicap:—C. Guterres, J. Roza-Pereira, J. Carvalho, A. Tavares, J. Gomes, G. Rossetto, A. Remedios, F. Baptista and I. Erickson.

Colony Championship—Men's 150 Yards Individual Medley:—Ng Nin (Sing Tao) and Tsang Cheong Ming (Lai Tsun).

Second Day, Saturday, Sept. 27, At 9.07 p.m.

Colony Championship—Men's 100 Yards breast-stroke:—Fung Wai Cheung (Chinese "Y"), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Tsung Yiu Hing (Sing Tao), Ho Poon Kun (S.C.A.A.), Luiz M. Remedios (V.R.C.) and Tang Hon Chiu (University).

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards back-stroke:—Junior Championship:—H. Reynolds, A. V. Lopes, A. B. de Carvalho and E. D. da Roza.

Colony Championship—Women's 50 Yards free-style:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Leung Oi Mui (C.B.C.), Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Ko Miu Ling (Lai Tsun), Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.), Miss Celeste Guterres (V.R.C.) and Miss Ng Pao Hing (H.K. & K.R. Union).

V.R.C. Women's 25 Yards free-style Flat Race (Beginners):—Miss Irene Osmond, Miss Laura Nolasco and Miss Therese Noronha.

Colony Championship—Men's 220 Yards free-style:—Tsuai Hang (Eastern), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Shek Kam Pui (Sing Tao), Chiu Wai Lim (Sing Tao), Chung Shee Chee (Sing Tao), Charles Huang (University), Chan Chun Nam (Lai Tsun), Yau Sai Kwan (Lai Tsun) and Lau Tai Ping (Lai Tsun).

Inter-School "200 Yards free-style Relay (Open)":—La Salle College, St. Joseph's College, St. Stephen's College and Diocesan Boys' School.

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke:—Handicap:—G. A. Yvanovich, J. A. Marques, C. Marcel, L. Vieira, G. Saunders and Alex Alves.

Colony Championship—Women's 50 Yards back-stroke:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.), Miss Lily Sadick (Lai Tsun) and Miss Celeste Guterres (V.R.C.).

Diving Exhibition:—Colony Championship—Boys' 100 Yards free-style:—G. A. Yvanovich (V.R.C.) and J. Roza-Pereira (V.R.C.).

V.R.C. Members' 440 Yards free-style Junior Championship:—Luiz M. Remedios, E. D. da Roza and A. V. Lopes.

Colony Championship—Men's 150 Yards Medley Relay:—Chinese Y.M.C.A., Eastern Athletic Association, Sing Tao, European Y.M.C.A., Hong Kong University, Lai Tsun, Swimming Union and Victoria Recreation Club.

V.R.C. Boys' 25 Yards breast-stroke

Handicap (12 years old and under):—Paul Silva, Roberto Silva, Lionel Sequeira, Edo Noronha and George Noronha.

Colony Championship—Women's 75 Yards Individual Medley:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.), Miss Celeste Guterres (V.R.C.) and Miss Tsang Fung Kwan (Lai Tsun).

Third Day, Thursday, Oct. 2, At 6.07 p.m.

Colony Championship—Men's 440 Yards free-style:—Chiu Wai Lim (Sing Tao), Chung Shee Chee (Sing Tao), Charles Huang (University), Chan Chun Nam (Lai Tsun), Yau Sai Kwan (Lai Tsun) and Lau Tai Ping (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards free-style Junior Championship:—L. Vieira, A. V. Lopes, C. Silva-Netto and J. Fenton.

Colony Championship—Women's 440 Yards free-style:—Miss Vivienne Churn (University) and Miss Celeste Guterres (V.R.C.).

V.R.C. Boys' 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap:—C. Guterres, J. Roza-Pereira, J. Carvalho, G. Rossetto, A. Remedios, F. Baptista and I. Erickson.

V.R.C. Women's 25 Yards back-stroke Handicap:—Miss Therese Noronha, Miss Yvonne Yolle, Miss J. Yolle and Miss Marguerite Guterres.

Colony Championship—Men's 220 Yards breast-stroke:—Fung Wai Cheung (Chinese "Y"), Tsung Yiu Hing (Sing Tao), Ho Poon Kun (S.C.A.A.), Robert Chan (C.B.C.), Yeung Yuk Wah (University), Hui Kwan Lun (University), Yau Sai Kwan (Lai Tsun), Kwok Chun Hang (Eastern), Wong Lok Tin (H.K. & K.R. Union).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap:—N. Broadbridge, G. Saunders, F. A. Noronha and A. B. de Carvalho.

Colony Championship—Women's 50 Yards breast-stroke:—Miss Ho Wai King (S.C.A.A.), Miss Chan Choi Pan (C.B.C.), Miss Li Po Luen (University), Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Myra Noronha (V.R.C.) and Miss Tsang Fung Kwan (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Members' 220 Yards free-style Junior Championship:—Luiz M. Remedios, L. Vieira, E. D. da Roza, A. V. Lopes and J. Fenton.

V.R.C. Members' Novelties Events:—C. Marcel, F. A. Noronha, G. Saunders, H. Reynolds and G. A. Yvanovich.

Colony Championship—Men's 200 Yards free-style Relay:—Chinese Y.M.C.A., Eastern Athletic Association, Sing Tao, European Y.M.C.A., University, V.R.C., Hong Kong & Kowloon Residents' Union.

Colony Championship—Women's 150 Yards Medley Relay:—Chinese Bathing Club, University, Lai Tsun and V.R.C.

Final Day, Saturday, Oct. 4, At 9.07 p.m.

Colony Championship—Women's 100 Yards free-style:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Leung Oi Mui (C.B.C.), Miss Vivienne Churn (University) and Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.).

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards breast-stroke Junior Championship:—C. Marcel, J. A. Marques and Alex Alves.

Colony Championship—Men's 50 Yards free-style:—Lo Yuk Wing (Chinese "Y"), Chan King Pong (Chinese "Y"), Tsui Hang (Eastern), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Shek Kam Pui (Sing Tao), Wong Chie Hong (Sing Tao), Chan Cheong Hong (C.B.C.), Ng Tsun Man (University), David Hutchison (—) and Tsang Cheong Ming (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Women's 50 Yards free-style Handicap:—Miss Therese Yvanovich, Miss Yolanda Remedios, Miss Marguerite Guterres, Miss Therese Noronha, Miss Laura Nolasco and Miss Beatrice Britto.

Colony Championship—Men's 100 Yards back-stroke:—Wong Sou Sen (Eastern), Shek Kam Pui (Sing Tao), A. V. Lopes (V.R.C.), A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.), W. Lawrence (V.R.C.), Fung Fei Wan (C.B.C.), Poon Wing Kai (Lai Tsun), Lau Yiu Ting (Lai Tsun) and Yeung Man Wai (H.K. & K.R. Union).

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards free-style Junior Championship:—H. Reynolds, C. Silva-Netto, G. Saunders, Luiz M. Remedios and J. Fenton.

Colony Championship—Women's 100 Yards back-stroke:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Lily Sadick (Lai Tsun) and Miss Celeste Guterres (V.R.C.).

Colony Championship—Men's Diving:—G. Saunders (V.R.C.), L. Roza-Pereira (V.R.C.), E. D. da Roza (V.R.C.), Lau Yim (—), Koo Kai Kai (C.B.C.), Wong King Koon (C.B.C.) and Lam Ka Tung (C.B.C.).

Colony Championship—Men's 100 Yards free-style:—Tsuai Hang (Eastern), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Shek Kam Pui (Sing Tao), Wong Chie Hong (Sing Tao), Charles Huang (University), Ng Tsun Man (University), David Hutchison (—) and Lau Tai Ping (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards free-style Handicap:—H. Silva, F. A. Vieira, L. Vieira, A. V. Lopes, N. Broadbridge, G. Saunders, E. D. da Roza, F. G. A. Yvanovich, F. A. Noronha and A. V. Alves.

Colony Championship—Women's 200 Yards free-style Relay:—H.K. University, Lai Tsun, Swimming Union, V.R.C. and H.K. & Kowloon Residents' Union.

Water Polo:—

Heats Arranged

Following dates have been reserved for heats:—

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10, 6.07 P.M.

MORE JUVENILE OFFENDERS

A 41 per cent. increase in the number of children under 14 found guilty of indictable offences during the first year of the war is disclosed in a circular issued by the Home Office and the Board of Education.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, and Mr. H. Ramsbotham, President of the Board of Education, state in an introduction to the circular that the offences are mainly those of stealing and looting.

"Suitable measures must be taken to secure the future welfare of these young people," they add, "and to save them from the risk of entering a criminal career."

Preventive Measures

Giving advice based on the recommendations of a conference of magistrates, educationists and representatives of Government departments, police and voluntary organisations, the circular urges:

Stricter enforcement of school attendance, closer supervision of conditions of employment of school-children and more comprehensive organisation for employment of leisure as preventive measures.

Extended use of the probation machinery and increased provision of remand homes by local authorities as the principal measures for treatment of offenders.

The need for younger magistrates in the juvenile courts is emphasised. "In petty sessional divisions where difficulty arises from the absence of younger justices," the circular states, "representations should be made without delay to the Lord Chancellor."

It is stated that there has been a substantial increase in the number of boys under 17 sent to prison, and the circular comments:

"It is feared that, finding remand homes full, some courts have been led to give the certificate required (by the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933) without sufficient reason and without realising the serious results their action may have for the boys concerned."

SAYS A.R.P. MEN NEED DISCIPLINE

STRICTER DISCIPLINE IN A.R.P. SERVICES WAS URGED BY SIR GERVAIS RENTOUL, THE WEST LONDON MAGISTRATE.

He was dismissing, under the Probation Act, summonses against Walter Frost, of Southam-street, West Kensington, for absconding himself from duty. Frost said he and others had simply gone "round the corner" for a drink.

"In the Army men are taught discipline, but in the A.R.P. services there is tremendous slackness," said Sir Gervais.

Colony Championship:—Men's 800 Yards free-style. Men's 220 Yards back-stroke. Men's 100 Yards breast-stroke.

V.R.C. Boys' 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap. THURSDAY, SEPT. 11, 6.07 P.M.

Colony Championship:—Men's 220 Yards free-style. Men's 150 Yards Medley Relay. Men's 50 Yards free-style. Women's 50 Yards breast-stroke.

V.R.C. Women's 50 Yards free-style Handicap. V.R.C. Boys' 25 Yards free-style Handicap (12 years old and under).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12, 6.07 P.M. Colony Championship:—Men's 440 Yards free-style. Men's 220 Yards breast-stroke. Women's 100 Yards breast-stroke. Women's 50 Yards free-style.

V.R.C. Members' 220 Yards free-style Junior Championship. 50 Yards free-style Handicap.

V.R.C. Boys' 75 Yards Medley Handicap. SATURDAY, SEPT. 13, 6.07 P.M.

Colony Championship:—Men's 300 Yards free-style Relay. Men's 100 Yards back-stroke. Men's Diving.

Women's 220 Yards free-style. V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke Handicap.

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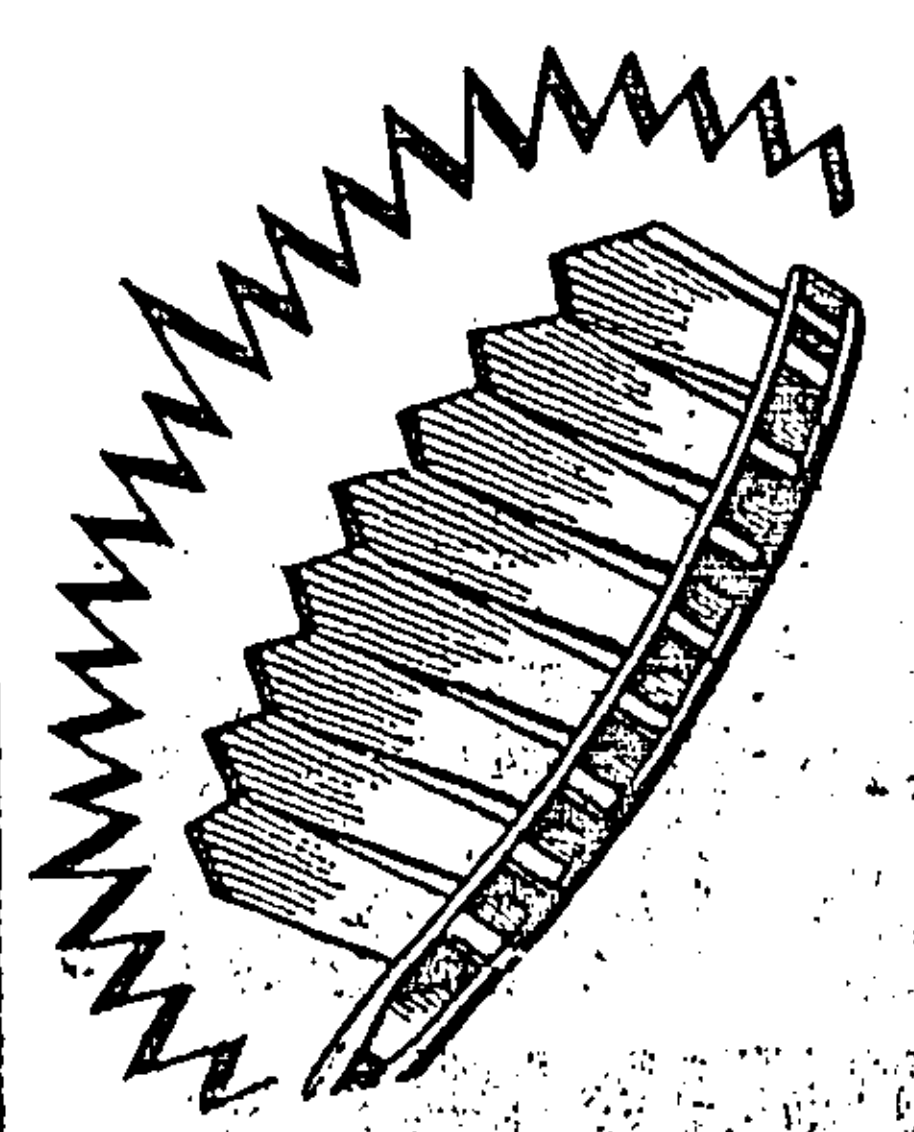
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POLICE RUGBY LIKELY TO SHOW VERY MARKED IMPROVEMENT THIS YEAR

By "Scrum-Half"

Police Rugby stock this season should be very much higher than it was last season, when injuries crippled the side and dampened the enthusiasm engendered by successes in the 1939-40 season.

PATERSON WINS IN 9TH ROUND

Jackie Paterson, the British and Empire fly-weight champion, scored another success when he beat Jimmy Lyden, Bootle, at Belle Vue, Manchester, writes Norman Hurst.

The referee stopped the contest in the ninth round when Lyden suffered a cut above the left eye following a terrific hook from the champion.

The packed house was always for Lyden on account of his game showing, but cold reckoning showed clearly that Paterson was always gathering points and demonstrating that he could punch from any angle.

Jimmy Gill, Nottingham, beat Tommy Farricker, Salford, on points. The verdict had a mixed reception, but Gill, who was put down in the sixth round won by reason of his better work at close quarters and quicker boxing at long range.

SHANGHAI CRICKET

In a friendly all-day cricket encounter at the S.C.C. recently, a side captained by J. W. Pote-Hunt defeated an eleven skippered by E. J. Sluis after an exciting match by 21 runs. Scores were:

Pote-Hunt's XI: 162 (R. U. Reynolds 42; F. A. Pitts 5 for 36). Sluis' XI: 141 (A. C. Sinclair 23, E. J. Sluis 22, W. Marsay 21; H. E. Orr 7 for 35).

Danny Litwiler has faced Larry French of Chicago Cubs six times this season. The Phillies' outfielder had been retired twice. Once he singled. The other three times he hit home runs.

Duggie Taylor is a doubtful starter, being under doctor's orders, and Cullman will be badly missed at forward, but I understand Heath will be back this month after two years in India, and that Wall, Luscombe, Searle, Fay, Wilson and Leslie are all fit again. Wheeler is also back from leave and Rose will again be available.

Riddell, ex-Colony Interporter, will not be playing this season and so will have more time to coach the side.

Practice On 22nd

A meeting will be held shortly and practice will commence on Monday, September 22.

At this early stage the probable Police line-up appears to be as follows: Wall; Reynolds, Fay, Wilson and Jackson (or Taylor); Leslie and Luscombe; Searle, Lewis, Todd; Dempsey, Oakley; Wright-Nooth, Innes and Heath, with useful reserves in Dingsdale and Veriga as backs and Rose, Wheeler, Hemsley and Hogarth at forward.

Overtures are being made to Howlett, but I very much doubt if he will give up a promising soccer career for a game at which he is a comparative beginner.

Billy Myers and Dick Bartell, short-stops of the 1940 World Series, have been warming benches most of this season.

Relatives of A. T. C. Geary, former Surrey cricketer and who had been missing since the Germans occupied the Channel Islands, have received a letter stating he's safe and well.

A stray dog wandered into a baseball box-score during a recent game at Charlotte, N.C. Bob Ortiz, of the local club, clouted the ball to right field. As he neared first a terrier dashed from the stands. He nabbed Ortiz at first and stuck with him all the way to third, where Ortiz beat him and the ball by sliding. In a local paper the next day, there was this footnote: "y—Stray dog."

In the summary: "y—Ran with Ortiz in the ninth."

DOUBLE CURVE EXPLAINED

DETROIT.—Baseball men say Jack Knott throws a two-way curve.

"I grasp the ball off centre so the greater portion of it projects beyond the first finger and thumb," explains the Athletics' right-hander. "A straight over-hand motion is used and terrific spin is imparted. The spin makes the ball curve downward and to the left. When that spin is spent the off-balance weight of the ball takes control and forces the change in direction."

MOST PITCHERS ILLEGAL

BILL MCGOWAN, ONE OF THE LEADING UMPIRES IN BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL IN AMERICA, RECENTLY SAID THAT 55 PER CENT OF THE MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHERS DELIVER THE BALL ILLEGALLY ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. THE CUTTER PITCHERS, HE SAID, USE MECHANICAL "FAULTS" TO ADVANTAGE.

More common amongst these "faults," he says, are:—

Not having the back foot in contact with the rubber.

Taking a step, or crowhopping with the front foot.

Not coming to a stop before pitching with men on bases.

Moving the shoulders, head, arms, feet or fingers after coming to a stop.

Not stepping toward first base in attempting to pick off a baserunner.

Failure to first back off the rubber after coming to a stop, in holding men on bases when not in the act of delivering the ball to the plate or throwing to bases.

Umpires will tell you that they would spend half their time running to the box if they did so in response to every mechanical defect and infringement.

The best they can hope for is to keep illegal pitching down to a minimum.

Old Tricks Stopped

Years ago chuckers discoloured the sphere with mud, licorice, coffee and whatnot.

They roughened it with sandpaper, emery and fingernails.

They cut the seam.

They loaded the seam with mud.

They loosened the cover and threw a "punk" ball.

Two swipes on his trouser leg and Eddie Cicotte of unhappy Black Sox memory had one side of the ball shining like a ballroom slipper.

Others shined one side and blackened the other.

They wore a shiny ring on the pitching hand.

Most of the old methods of cheating disappeared when umpires started tossing out a new ball at the slightest excuse.

ROYAL ENGINEERS ARE BACK IN 1ST DIVISION AFTER SOME 20 YEARS

By "Referee"

AFTER A PERIOD OF ALMOST 20 YEARS ROYAL ENGINEERS ARE RETURNING TO FIRST DIVISION OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE THIS SEASON, AND, AS ALL THOSE PLAYERS WHO HAVE DONE SO WELL FOR THEM IN THE PAST TWO SEASONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE THERE IS EVERY REASON TO EXPECT THAT THEY WILL GIVE A GOOD ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES IN SENIOR FOOTBALL.

They have been unable so far, owing to military duties and lack of ground accommodation, to do much spotting of talent among the new arrivals, but this handicap will be overcome in the friendly games which have been already arranged.

Only one change in the senior team is expected to be made for the opening games. Fielding will probably be brought into the side in place of Tang Chung-pak.

Moxham, who played against Shanghai in 1940, has fully recovered from his injuries and will be seen in goal, with Palmer and Fielding as the backs.

Shaw, captain of the side, will again occupy the pivotal position, with Taylor on his left.

Birrell, who played at right-half for the greater part of last season, may be seen in the forward line. He played at inside-right

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towards the close of last season and added much needed zest to the attack. If Birrell goes up to the front line his place in the intermediate line will be filled by Chan Ying-kuen, who formerly played for Eastern. This player is much too useful to be left out of the team as he is at home in any position.

Two Injured

The majority of the players have been keeping themselves in good condition during the summer. Fox and Pelham aggravated old injuries playing small-ball and have as a result been taking things quietly recently, but they are reported to be well on the way to recovery and should be fit for the first game.

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5 JOCKEYS HURT IN RACE CRASH

FIVE well-known jockeys were hurt, though none very seriously, when six horses crashed in the Coventry Plate at Worcester in one of the most remarkable accidents I have seen on a racecourse, writes "Gimcrack."

Several of the fallen horses were much fancied and two other animals had their chances destroyed in the melee.

The trouble occurred three-quarters of a mile from home when Mrs. Winter's Fair Alice, with Tommy Barber riding, slipped up.

PAWLOSKI'S 11 STRIKE-OUTS WIN SERIES

By "Grandstand"

HIGH-LIGHTED BY LOU PAWLOSKI'S MASTERFUL PITCHING IN THE WEEK-END DOUBLE-HEADER, U. S. NAVY TRIUMPHED OVER HONG KONG ALL-STARS LAST SUNDAY IN A FIERY 5-4 NOSE-OUT AS A FITTING CLIMAX TO A TORRID SEASON. THEY THUS WON THE ANNUAL FIVE-GAME CHARITY SERIES FOR THE SECOND TIME IN SUCCESSION, AFTER HAVING SHADED "ALL STARS" THE PREVIOUS DAY WITH A HARD-FOUGHT 11TH INNING VICTORY.

Mound maestro Lou Pawloski's flipper was in great form as he tossed his second victory of the week-end, whiffing four and walking only two, whilst Wally Ching, who toed the rubber for the losers, struck-out two and passed two.

All-Stars drew first blood in the ding-dong scuffle with a single marker in the initial canto, but the blue-jackets came right back in the third, and grabbed the lead with a couple of unearned tallies. Hong Kong knotted the count in the fifth, but the sailors again produced the tie-breaker in their half of the chapter. In the sixth the

All-Stars put on full steam in a do-or-die attempt and netted two counters as Babe Chinn and Dick Chung dented the rubber standing up, on Bowersox's wild heave to first base.

Ruel's Winning Hit

Two successive miscues and a walk found Earl, Wilson striding up to the platter with the bases crowded with sailors with none away in the sixth. Wilson popped out, whilst Lou Pawloski stood still on a groover, after his heavy bludgeon had fouled two pitches, to relieve the tension somewhat for hurler Ching. Henry Ruel then slammed a clothes-line to left to chase in two of his mates for a Navy lead and eventual victory, as the blue-jackets dished out a brilliant brand of ball to smother a Hong Kong uprising in their last batting session.

Left gardener Dick Chung was the only one to connect for more than one safety in the fracas, both of his singles in his three batting attempts being stinging liners to left, whilst Hank Chan "Greasy" Moore and Henry "Crooner" Ruel were the only ones to produce extra-base knocks with a double apiece.

Action-Packed Game

Although both sides connected for nine safeties, Lou Pawloski's mariners came through with the long end of a 9-8 count at the end of an action-packed encounter, which went into four over-time frames, on Saturday.

Lou Pawloski's "eleven strike-out" performance will go down in the records as one of the most outstanding pitching performances of the season as he staged his comeback on the hill with his blazing tosses mixed with hooks and curves.

Besides whiffing 11, the Polack passed only two to first with his superb control, whilst Ernie Hearther, who started for the losers was derrickd in the third after passing two.

Wally "Dimples" Ching, who worked for the remainder of the tussle fanned four, and issued free transportation to first to one sailor. Both Hearther and Ching were charged with one wild pitch each, whilst Al Lau, working behind the batter, allowed three passed balls.

Anybody's Game

For six eventful frames it was anybody's game, as the lead changed hands several times, with the tars tying the count in the sixth. In the seventh both sides were unable to produce a tally, necessitating extra innings. In the eighth it seemed the All-Hong Kong side had the game sewed up in the old bat bag, when they chalked up three markers, but their defence cracked wide open when they took the field, with a couple of expensive miscues and a pair of costly passed balls for the sailors to draw level 7-7.

Excitement reached fever pitch as both sides worked unsuccessfully for a tally in the ninth and tenth, and the strain reached bursting point as the eleventh rolled around.

Dick Chung atoned for an earlier bungle with a rousing double to chase in Al Lau for a counter, but hopes of a triumph soon died down as McKenzie scored from second on a play around the key-stone which back-fired on the All-Stars. After this the game was handed over to the sailors on a platter, as Pete Choy muffed Wilson's weak pop fly which had handles on it. It was definitely not Pete's day to be the hero of the hour, as he was just switched from the windy alley to the hot corner, a position which he had never held this season.

Dick Chung blasted out two doubles in five times at bat and Tony Mascavage and Nel Ma each poled out a two-bagger.

EX-HOLDERS CLASH TO-DAY

R. F. da Luz, champion in 1929, will meet A. E. Coates, 1936 title-holder, in the First Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship to-day.

A. Hyde-Lay, 1933 winner, will have a tough proposition in J. Shepherd, and R. Duncan, who won the title in 1935, will be up against another skip in J. G. Meyer.

Following is to-day's programme:

At Kowloon B.G.C.
F. Channing v R. S. Meadows
J. G. Meyer v R. Duncan
W. L. Walker v L. Sykes
At Kowloon C.C.
C. H. Basto v Y. Abbas
R. F. da Luz v A. E. Coates
At Kowloon F.C.
A. Hyde-Lay v J. Shepherd
T. A. Madar v J. F. McGowan
At Civil Service C.C.
M. R. Abbas v C. Gowland
K. M. Omar v A. Lapsley
At Police F.C.
W. V. Field v S. M. Rumjahn
J. S. Landolt v H. Overy
At Hong Kong F.C.
W. Mair v C. S. Rosselct
D. A. Rozaro v M. F. Alarcon
At Craigengower C.C.
A. Brooksbank v S. H. Marvin
E. G. Post v J. J. Basto

GUEST ELIMINATES FORMER CHAMPION IN CONLONY BOWLS SINGLES

The Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship got under way yesterday when a batch of seven games were decided, the other seven which were scheduled to be played off having been postponed. There was a minor upset, A. E. P. Guest eliminating L. A. Gutierrez, former title holder, by 21-14, while it took J. C. Gill 27 ends to chalk up the necessary shots for a win over L. F. Xavier, whom he eventually beat 23-14, the 23rd end being a "dead" one.

A. J. Hall, Kowloon Bowling Green skip, took only 14 ends to beat H. J. Shields, scoring three "possibles" while others to return "fours" were Curtis, Aitken, Nish and McKelvie.

It is interesting to note that Hall scored only two singles in his game against Shields who scored at 6 ends, a comparison of the two cards being as follows:—
Hall: 0 3 4 0 2 0 1 4 0 0 2 4 1—21
Shields: 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 3 2 0 0—9

Fincher Disappoints

Fincher was expected to put up a better game than he did against

McKelvie, but could only notch five singles against McKelvie's card of 21. Here again a comparison between the cards is interesting and is as under:—
McKelvie: 1 1 1 0 2 0 1 1 1 4 0 3 2 0 0
3 1—21
Fincher: 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1
0 0—5

Results At A Glance

Results of yesterday's matches were as follows:—

At Kowloon F.C.
L. F. Xavier 14 J. C. Gill 23
J. C. Aitken 21 E. Curtis 14
At Kowloon B.G.C.
H. F. Shields 9 A. J. Hall 21
A. E. P. Guest 21 L. A. Gutierrez 14
At Civil Service C.C.
*E. Kilmom v H. E. Strange
*T. C. Monaghan v F. Nolan
At Craigengower C.C.
*J. W. Harrop v A. H. Rumjahn
*C. Dowman v W. McLeod
At Club de Recreio
E. C. Fincher 5 J. McKelvie 21
*R. Leigh v W. Nash
At Kowloon C.C.
H. Nish 23 Y. H. Tang 16
*A. Eastman v B. W. Bradbury
At Hong Kong F.C.
*J. S. Riddell v A. M. Omar
W. Ward 22 R. T. Broadbridge 11
* Postponed.

Recreio Cricket Prospects

By "Incog."

Club de Recreio will probably be without the services of Luigi Gosano, their left-handed opening batsman, for the earlier part of the approaching cricket season as this player is nursing a dislocated shoulder, sustained in a basketball match recently, and feels he does not want to risk aggravating the injury by further strain.

Over and above this, Eddie Gosano, who was their captain last season, is likewise resting a damaged shoulder which he acquired in the course of a recent softball game. He will be playing regularly, but it is doubtful whether he will be able to do much bowling.

Against this, however, news is to hand that Albert Rodrigues, who is still considered one of the soundest batsmen at this club, is speaking of playing in First Division again. It will be recalled that last season he preferred to play in Second Division as he was then not sure about being able to turn out regularly.

That, then, is the position with Recreio, who otherwise will have practically the whole of last sea-



son's players to call on. They have decided not to start nets practice until the end of the month.

As far as I have been able to ascertain, there will be no school-boy talent for Recreio this year, though Micky Remedios, the La Salle all-rounder who joined up last season, will still be playing, and there is every indication that

the promise he has shown will be maintained.

I am rather surprised to see that Albert Prata, who was so keen on the game as a schoolboy, has lost practically all his keenness. It seems such a pity, for he was in addition to being a more-than-useful all-rounder, one of the few younger players to make a real study of the game, and showed promise of developing into a shrewd captain.

Efforts, I hear, are being made to get Dick Alves sufficiently interested in the game again to turn out regularly. It would be just the thing for Recreio juniors if he could be persuaded to captain the side. Another of the "old brigade," who would also help a great deal if he would play, is F. J. Remedios, but I am doubtful whether he will be able to get the necessary time to do so even if he were so inclined.



S.C.A.A. ONE STEP NEARER CHAMPIONSHIP

South China Athletic Association, who have already won Second and Fourth Division League Tennis Championships, yesterday became virtual Third Division champions, when they beat Kowloon Indiana Tennis Club by 6½ sets to 2½ on their own ground, scores being as follows:—
J. Hsu and H. P. Kwok (S.C.A.A.) beat S. A. Hussan and H. M. Singh 6-2
beat S. S. Hussan and S. A. Sepher 6-1
beat Y. J. Khan and M. Ramzan 6-2
C. P. Ip and S. Y. Li (S.C.A.A.) drew with Hussan and Singh 6-6
beat Hussan and Sepher 6-3
beat Khan and Ramzan 6-3
C. L. Lau and K. Sung (S.C.A.A.) lost to Hussan and Singh 1-6
lost to Hussan and Sepher 4-6
beat Khan and Ramzan 6-1

Table To Date

	Sets	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	9 0 0 0 6½ 19½	18
A.T.C.	8 7 1 0 5½ 18	14
C.R.C. (2)	9 6 3 0 5½ 28	12
C.C.C.	6 5 1 0 3½ 21½	10
C.D.R.	7 4 2 1 3½ 25	9
K.I.T.C.	8 4 3 1 3½ 32½	9
C.R.C. (1)	5 2 3 0 2½ 22½	4
K.T.G.C.A.	7 2 6 0 2½ 21	4
K.C.C.	8 2 6 0 2½ 21	4
H.K.U.T.C.	7 1 6 0 2½ 42½	2
I.R.C.	9 0 9 0 15½ 65½	0

BASKETBALL RESULTS

In the Wu Teh-chen Cup basketball tournament at Chinese Y.M.C.A. last evening, Y.M.C.A. beat Bank Union 70-33, and Wah Kiu beat Victoria Recreation Club 53-22.

Y.M.C.A.:—Wong Wai-hung (25), Luk Tak-cheung (11), Fong Yuck-shan, (6), Chan Kan-yu (7), Lo Hon-san (6), Chan Wah-hin, (4), Wong Kan-chiu (4), Man Tai-kwong (4), Ko Kar-wo (2), So Pak-fai (2).

Bank Union:—Lau Kam (10), Au Yeung-shing (13), Kwok Tsang-took (5), Tsui Yuen-kee (4), Ng Kik-sing.

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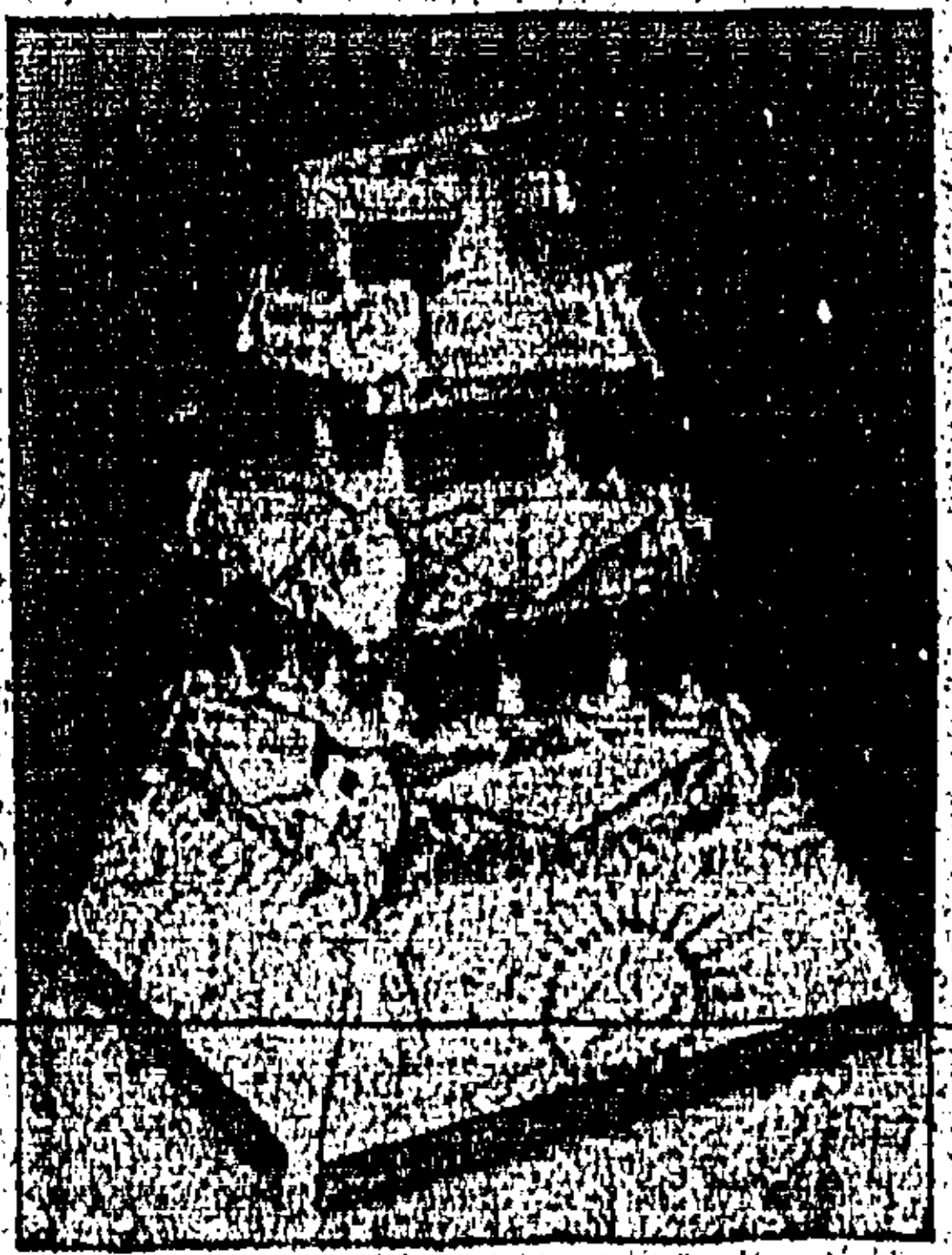
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PACIFIC WAR ODDS

Mr. Duff-Cooper Smiles Off Query In Manila

FURTHER SINGAPORE AIR POWER

THE OFFENSIVE STRENGTH OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE IN THE FAR EAST HAS BEEN FURTHER REINFORCED BY THE ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF THE LATEST TYPE OF LONG-NOSE BRISTOL AND BLENHEIM BOMBERS.

For some months it has been the policy to strengthen the R.A.F. in Malaya by aircraft from the United States, but in recent weeks, apart from the arrival of large numbers of officers and men, there arrived from British factories maintenance equipment together with complete aircraft. This means that the R.A.F. in the Far East is now being fed in men and material from the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia and New Zealand. — Reuter.

CONTROL OF MOTOR CAR OUTPUT

The production of passenger motor-cars for sale in Canada in 1942 is to be curtailed to approximately 44% of that in 1940, according to an Order-in-Council announced in Ottawa yesterday by the Minister of Munitions, Mr. Howe.

Production in 1940 was approximately 9,500 cars. The Order reserves to Government the right to restrict or entirely prohibit motor-car production. — Reuter.

Japan More Careful In Her Moves

MR. A. DUFF-COOPER, in an interview with Reuter in Manila, said that his mission was to inquire whether it was desirable to establish in the Far East a set-up similar to that in Cairo, under which a War Cabinet official, diplomat or "glorified High Commissioner" was assigned to the Far East to co-ordinate the British war effort.

For that reason the survey includes Malaya and Australia, and if a set-up is established, headquarters will be at Singapore.

Mr. Duff-Cooper said that Japan was, at present, more careful about taking the next step, having been impressed by the action taken by Britain and the United States following the occupation of Indo-China, and the fact that Britain is taking a serious view of Indo-China in regard to the move to Thailand, which is further evidence of Japan's aggressive intentions.

He went on to say that the best time for Japan to move was a year ago, since Britain's position had become stronger in the past year, and added that the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration applied as much to the Far East as to the western world.

He smiled off the question as to what odds he would give against war in the Far East.

Mr. Duff-Cooper will be leaving Manila this morning for Singapore by Clipper. — Reuter.

INDIAN TROOPS' TRUST

Practically all R.A.F. aerodromes in Malaya are guarded by detachments of the Indian Expeditionary Force.

Some units defending the aerodromes belong to the Indian Army, while others are infantry battalions raised in Indian States and placed at the disposal of His Majesty by their Rulers.

All the men know the markings of United States, German, Italian, Thai, Japanese and Dutch aircraft. They have been given instructions in regard to dealing with dive bombers, parachutists, etc., and the experience gained in Norway, Greece and Crete is being incorporated.

Recently, a realistic demonstration showed simply the thoroughness and far-sightedness with which the preparations are being made in this regard. — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S GOOD CROP

"DESPITE THE WEATHER IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT THE FINAL WEIGHT OF CROPS GROWN THIS YEAR WILL EASILY CREATE A RECORD FOR THE CENTURY," SAID MR. R. S. HUDSON, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, IN AN EXCLUSIVE STATEMENT TO REUTER'S POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT YESTERDAY IN LONDON.

This bumper harvest had been gathered in difficult weather conditions and could only have been successful with the enormous co-operation which was so splendidly given by all sections of the community.

In addition to the regular farm workers and women's land army, there has been constant work by school-boys and girls. — Reuter.

INDIA WILL PLAY HER PART

The unshaken belief that India will rise to play her part worthily in the present juncture in augmenting still further the resources of the Empire was expressed by the Maharaja of Jampur yesterday when addressing officials of the State on his return, after an absence of five months on active service in the Middle East.

He said that the Indian troops were full of enthusiasm and zeal to get at grips with the enemy again. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

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A SOVIET COMMUNIQUE REPORTS FIGHTING ON THE WHOLE FRONT AND SAYS THAT NINE ENEMY DIVISIONS WERE ROUTED AT YELNYA IN THE SMOLENSK DIRECTION. YELNYA HAS BEEN OCCUPIED BY SOVIET TROOPS. BUCHAREST WAS BOMBED ON SUNDAY NIGHT. — REUTER.

The fifth occupant of the plane which crashed in Sweden arrived in Malmö by train, while it is now learned that the member of the crew who was injured sustained a broken leg.

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SOVIETS RETAKE YELNYA

The Soviet High Command in their midnight communique, broke their long silence regarding place names in order to announce a smashing victory in the Smolensk sector and the recapture of the railway town of Yelnya.

The following is the full text of the communique which gives no clue to the situation round Leningrad:

"During September 8 (Monday) our troops fought against the enemy along the whole front.

"In the Smolensk direction, fighting for the town of Yelnya, near Smolensk, which lasted for 2 days, ended in the routing of the enemy's XVth Infantry division, XVIth motorised division, Tenth Tank Division, 137th Austrian Infantry division and the 187th, 290th and 268th Infantry divisions.

"The remnants of the enemy's divisions are hastily retreating in a western direction. Our troops have occupied the town of Yelnya.

"Our air force continued to deal blows to enemy troops in field action and destroyed aircraft on his aerodromes."

German Claim

A SPECIAL GERMAN ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED IN BERLIN SAYS A MOBILE DIVISION, SUPPORTED BY THE LUFTWAFFE, HAS REACHED A POINT NORTH-EAST OF LENINGRAD ON A BROAD FRONT AND HAS TAKEN THE TOWN OF SCHLUESSELBURG ON LAKE LADOGA.

The Germans claim that this completes the gap in the ring around Leningrad, which is thus cut off from all communications by land.

Schlüsselburg lies 25 miles to the east of Leningrad.—Reuter.

FLAK SHIP BLOWS UP

A German flak ship was destroyed off Ostend yesterday by a Spitfire of the Fighter Command, armed with cannon and machine-guns, states the Air Ministry News Service in London yesterday.

The Spitfire was on reconnaissance flight when the pilot saw three flak ships. He dived on them and while firing his first burst saw one explode and the

BRITISH 'PLANE DOWN IN SWEDEN

A message from Stockholm states that a British war plane crashed in Scania, southern Sweden, early yesterday morning after engine failure. The plane was burnt out.

The crew of five baled out, four of them having been found safe, with one of them injured. He was taken to hospital, while the police are searching for the fifth.

—Reuter.

EVACUATION SHIP GOING TO JAPAN

A cable from Reuter's Tokyo correspondent, held up by the local censor, states that a British evacuation ship is scheduled to arrive in Japan on September 23, although there may be a few days' delay.

The vessel is said to be less than 4,000 tons.

Possibly a thousand British nationals and Indians are expected to embark, which would seem to preclude the possibility of the ship carrying Americans or other nationals.

The vessel is believed to be a former B. and S. freighter. The British Embassy refuses to confirm or deny this.—Reuter.

superstructure disintegrate.

He commented on his return: "It is highly probable that I hit the magazine. I broke off the engagement while still 200 yards from the wreckage." — Reuter.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE IN BERLIN WAS DONE DURING SUNDAY NIGHT'S R.A.F. RAIDS, ACCORDING TO AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IN LONDON.

The communique states: "The R.A.F. last night attacked objectives at Berlin, Kiel and other places in Germany, and docks at Boulogne.

"The attack on Berlin was carried out by a very powerful force in brilliant moonlight. A great number of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in the attack lasting two hours.

"GREAT FIRES SPRANG UP IN THE CITY AND EXTENSIVE DAMAGE WAS DONE. FOUR ENEMY NIGHT FIGHTERS WERE DESTROYED BY OUR BOMBERS IN THE COURSE OF THESE OPERATIONS AND 20 OF OUR BOMBERS ARE MISSING.

"Aircraft of the fighter Command attacked a number of enemy aerodromes in occupied territory during the night. One of these aircraft is missing."

It was the heaviest raid on Berlin since the war began. The first bombers arrived just before midnight and the last did not leave until well into the small hours of the morning.

JAPAN CUT OFF

Japan is virtually isolated from intercourse with Europe, said Vice-Admiral Sakonji, Minister of Commerce and Industry, broadcasting in Tokyo yesterday.

For this reason, he continued, commerce was limited to the so-called Asiatic co-prosperity sphere in which "circumstances prevent the smooth interchange of materials."

He emphasised the necessity for drastic control of consumption, urging the utter abandonment of the "profit-making idea."

He urged the reclamation of vital materials. This effort at sufficiency, he added, was largely dependent upon popular moral conduct.—Reuter.

Like A Map

When they reached the city, the lakes round the west were shining in the moonlight and by familiar landmarks, the crew found their way to the centre.

"We could see the place like a map," said a flight sergeant, "and soon there were many fires with one in particular blazing large and fierce in the heart of the city as a further guide to the bombers."

A great many high explosive bombs were seen to burst round a main railway station. Volumes of black smoke poured upwards and, on the return journey, it was a long time before the crews saw the last of the glow of the many fires.

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As a result of the landing, a considerable number of Norwegian miners has arrived in Britain to help the Allied war effort.—Reuter.

SWEDISH CRASH

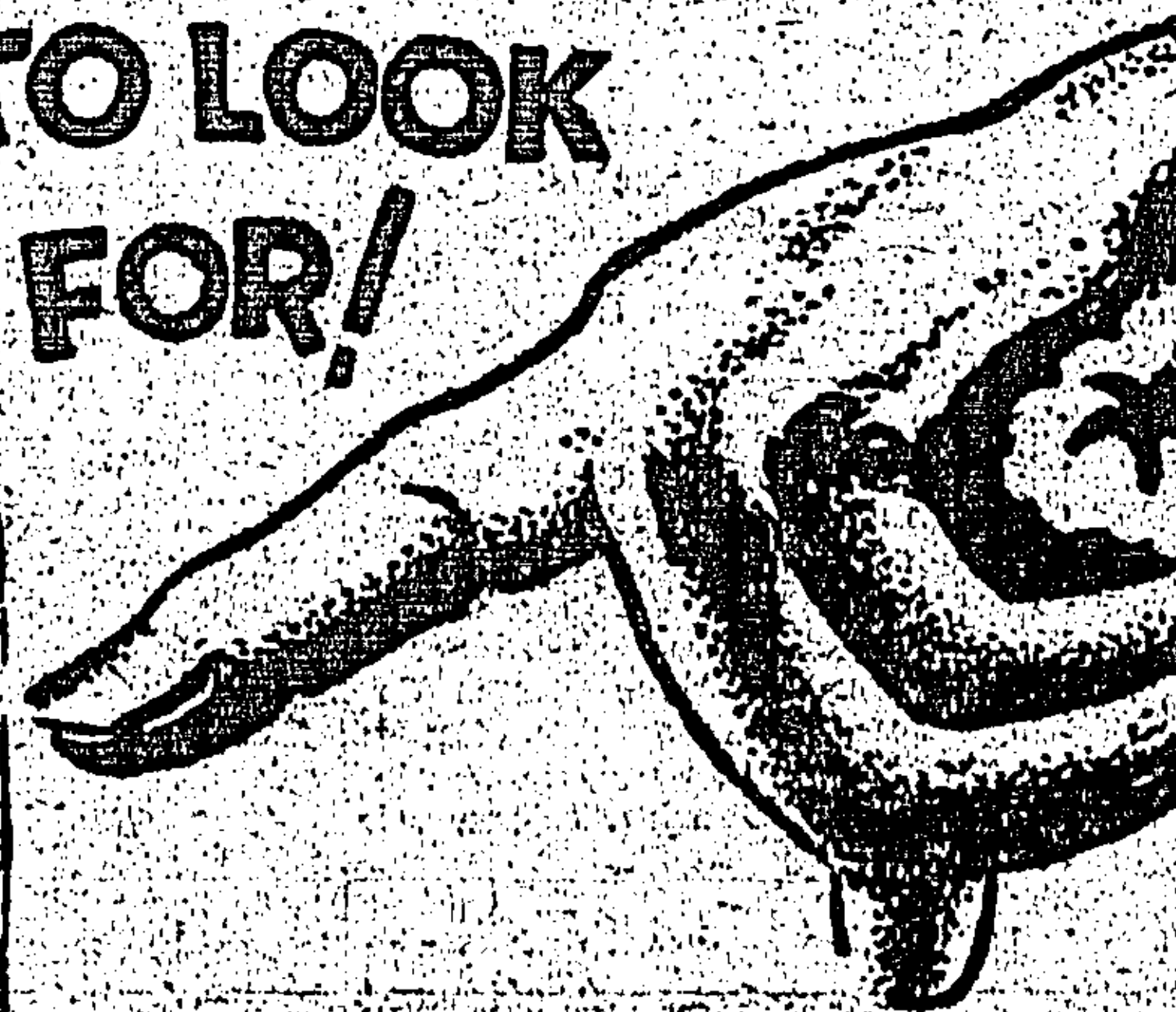
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MR. J. G. CAMPBELL

Mr. J. G. Campbell, Chartered Civil Engineer, P.W.D., was this morning reported to have "slightly improved" overnight.

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Another Italian Convoy Caught In Mediterranean

Torpedo 'Planes Go Into Action

THE ENEMY CONVOY mentioned in the Middle East R.A.F. communique was attacked early on Sunday morning in the narrow gap between Pantellaria and Sicily, says the Air Ministry News Service.

The 6,000-ton vessel was left listing heavily and sinking, with a destroyer standing by, while other destroyers slowly shepherded the remaining two ships, one being a badly damaged 6,000-ton tanker.

The attack which caused great confusion was led by the Lieutenant who torpedoed a destroyer off Tripoli a few nights ago and also took part in a recent attack on a convoy off Cape Spartivento.

About the same time, other Fleet Air Arm aircraft crews were completing a brisk night's work.

After starting for Sicily, a machine developed engine trouble so the crew unloaded its bombs on Comiso and returned to its base, stepped into another machine and returned to Sicily where they dive-bombed and machine-gunned three enemy aircraft.

They repeated the performance at Gerbino where they also dropped bombs and started fires before flying home to bed.—Reuter.

Listing Heavily

The successful attack above referred to on a convoy in the Mediterranean is mentioned in the Middle East Royal Air Force communique issued yesterday, which states:—

"Mediterranean: Aircraft from the Fleet Air Arm made a successful attack on a convoy of three medium-sized merchant vessels, protected by three destroyers in the Mediterranean on Saturday night.

"One merchant ship was hit three times, causing violent explosions and much black smoke. The vessel was compelled to stop, listing heavily to port. A tanker, hit with two torpedoes, was severely damaged.

Benghazi Raid

"Libya: On the same night a heavy raid by R.A.F. bombers on Benghazi resulted in a number of direct hits on military stores and buildings. The Fleet Air Arm made a series of attacks on the landing grounds at El Mimmi, El Gazala, Martuba and El Adem.

"Five enemy aircraft were destroyed at El Gazala and another at Martuba. Considerable damage was caused to a number of others. Fires were caused at El Adem and damage to the majority of these aerodromes. Enemy gun positions east of Tobruk defences came in for a severe bombardment from aircraft of the South African Air Force.

"Sicily: On Saturday night Fleet Air Arm aircraft attacked Comiso aerodrome and raided Caltani and Gerbino aerodromes. Enemy aircraft on the ground were bombed and machine-gunned.—Reuter.

Diamond Formation

A young Sub-Lieutenant, describing the scene, said: "The weather was not quite so good as on our last outing. Some low haze narrowed down the moon's path so that we could only see one ship at a time. But we spotted the convoy all right, with

destroyers in diamond formation around it. We flew in through the gap between two destroyers. Another aircraft picked out the first ship in line and I took the second, a six-thousand tonner.

"Dropping my torpedo from close in I pulled away just in time to miss hitting the ship myself. I could see the splash where the torpedo hit the water and the wake going towards the ship. There was a terrific thud and from the port side we saw the torpedo hit the vessel amidships. There was the violent explosion and she started listing heavily and pouring out black smoke.

Low Barrage

"Meanwhile the destroyers were circling, frantically trying to cover their charges with a smoke screen. The one ahead swung to starboard and the one to port side followed the leader round, firing a low barrage at us as it went. None of us was hit but the confusion was such that shells from one destroyer were seen bursting on the deck of the other which, in turn was firing back dropping shells just short of the other ship. The last vessel in the convoy opened up on us with a couple of light flak guns, but we were climbing out of range and as we went we could see the leading ship in the convoy sneaking away on its own out of the smoke screen." — British Wireless.

BLACK MARKET CLOSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Shanghai's black market for foreign exchange went out of existence yesterday when fourteen banks, licensed under the freezing regulations for exchange dealings, discontinued quoting black market rates.

The banks have now agreed to quote only the Stabilisation Board's fixed rate of 5 5/16ths U.S. dollar cents per Chinese dollar, approximately NC\$18.32 for US\$1.

The Stabilisation Fund is to release exchange at the fixed rate for a large number of legitimate business transactions. Previously the fund released exchange only for limited business deals.

The list of goods includes the majority of commodities, including petrol, motor-cars and parts, and other important articles providing ample means to sustain local trading activity. The action is seen as a valuable means of stabilising the Chinese dollar and keeping commodity prices at a steadier level. Speculation in foreign exchange has now been rendered impossible. — International News Service.

ITALIAN CLAIM RIDICULED

Further light on the achievements of the Imperial Forces in the East African campaign is shed by Lt. General Cunningham, who commanded them.

The outstanding fact was the lightning advance on Addis Ababa — 1,360 miles in 50 days. Five years ago, the Italians took seven months to cover 425 miles with only Abyssinian tribesmen to oppose them.

The General ridiculed the Italian claim that large British forces had been tied up in Abyssinia.

"In March, we offered to send the South African units to the Mediterranean front. British forces throughout the campaign were never large.

"In the Battle of the Lakes, three British brigades with 40 guns engaged 40,000 Italians with 200 guns.

"The riskiest moment was when 30,000 Italians were threatening the Addis-Ababa-Jibouti Railway and this lifeline was defended by only two British battalions."

In rating the morale of the Italian Army, General Cunningham put the Britons highest, then the Somalis and last the Blackshirts, though he paid tribute to the Duke of Aosta.

"He had an intense desire to fight clean but in practice it was not always carried out." — British Wireless.

SOUTH AFRICAN HEROISM

How a South African air-gunner saved his comrade's life was told by the Air Ministry yesterday.

Sergt. Francois Joubert was one of two gunners in a Maryland bomber which was attacked and set on fire by Nazi fighters.

During this attack, his fellow-gunner was badly wounded. Flames spread rapidly through the machine and eventually the order was given to abandon the aircraft.

With great courage, Joubert went to the assistance of the helpless wounded gunner.

Helping him from the turret to the escape hatch, he was again in difficulty when the wounded man's parachute harness became tangled on the mechanism of a gun but he solved this by dropping both the gun and wounded man through the hatch.

As he did so, his own ripcord caught in a gun and his parachute immediately opened inside the aircraft.

Grasping the folds of the parachute in his arms, Joubert jumped safely, but it was a long while before the parachute opened out and even then it was found to have a number of holes burned in it from the fire inside the aircraft. Joubert has been awarded the D.F.M.—British Wireless.

Wrong Department

It was inadvertently stated in the "China Mail" yesterday, in the case in which a merchant is charged with the alleged offer of a bribe, that Mr. Humphrey John Cruttwell is Assistant Controller of Food. Mr. Cruttwell, in fact, is Assistant Controller of Trade. We regret the error.

IRANIANS STALLING?

It is believed that the Iran Cabinet is still considering the Anglo-Russian Note.

Although a short routine session of Parliament was held in Teheran yesterday only secondary matters were considered. Another meeting it is expected will be held to-day. — Reuter.

MAY PAY FOR WASTE

A big new drive to stop food wastage at Army camps and barracks is to begin at once.

Plans are to make officers and men pay for wasted food. Results of the recent economy push have not come up to the expectations of Major-General J. Buckley, Controller-General of Economy.

"Allegations will be rigidly investigated and, if substantiated, those responsible may be called on to pay," a War Office spokesman told the "Daily Mirror."

HARDENING COURSE FOR OFFICERS

IN STEEL HELMETS AND BATTLE DRESS WITH RIFLES SLUNG, BOOTS ROUND NECKS, A DOZEN OFFICERS OF MIDLAND A.A. DIVISION SWAM SIXTY YARDS DURING AN INTENSIVE HARDENING-UP COURSE WHICH THEY ARE NOW UNDERGOING.

A physical training officer showed them how to swim with rifle and boots slung, how experienced and strong swimmers can help along colleagues not so experienced in the water and how officers' full kit can be propelled through wrapped in a ground sheet and anti-gas capes.

The hardening course was officially for officers under forty but several over that age took part. The hardening course includes route marches in respirators, rope climbing in full equipment, bomb-throwing, complicated obstacle racing, tug-of-war and unarmed combat, apart from normal daily physical training. — British Wireless.

CAPTIVES KEEP POULTRY

British officer prisoners at the Sulmona Camp, Italy, are going in for extensive poultry-rearing says the Red Cross.

GROWING SENSE OF FRUSTRATION IN GERMANY

A GROWING SENSE of frustration in Germany is reported by travellers arriving in Ankara who tell how the people are openly asking "For what are we fighting?" and "Why is the Russian war not finished?"

These sources stress, however, that the morale is in no way near breaking point. General recrimination over the Soviet war has led to a feud between the Army and the Nazi Party.

Goering and List, who are demanding more and more power at the expense of the Party, met with strenuous opposition from Himmler, who has since been backed up by Hitler.

Himmler's victory was immediately reflected in the despatch of more storm-troopers to the front where they are very unpopular with the army.

Believing that political commissars are the backbone of the Red Army, the storm-troopers mercilessly ill-treated captured commissars. The army protested to Berlin several times, fearing Russian reprisals, but Berlin supported the storm-troopers.

Lack Of Confidence

It is now reported that the Army are telling the commissars to discard their insignia in order not to expose themselves to the brutality of the storm-troops.

Travellers are much struck by the complete lack of confidence regarding the financial stability of the Reich, and point out that the ordinary German is not able to buy food and clothes, preferring to spend his money in cafes and restaurants rather than invest it in the banks.

The man in the street has openly admitted that Berlin is not able to stand raids like London, while the new British bombs have created uneasiness throughout Germany. — Reuter.

FATHERS-TO-BE HOSPITAL GUARD

Anxious fathers-to-be pacing up and down the roof of a London maternity hospital form one of our most efficient fire-watch services.

About forty do duty at Perivale Maternity Hospital, Ealing. The idea was suggested by one of them some days ago. Now they are the hospital's official fire-watch.

These volunteers work shifts to protect their wives and unborn or newly-born babies.

"The response was immediate when the idea was first put forward," an Ealing Health Department official told the "Daily Mirror."

"Now we provide sleeping accommodation which they can use when there is no alert. Apart from taking an active part in protecting their womenfolk, they seem less worried when on the spot."

GREER AFFAIR DEVELOPING

More Of An Incident Now Than Originally

German Attitude Regarded As Provocative

CALLING THE German statement about the "Greer" incident "provocative," the independent Democrat newspaper "Baltimore Sun" expressed the general opinion yesterday in Washington when it said that the German handling of the affair made it more of an incident that it was originally.

"If German propaganda is deliberately trying to strengthen President Roosevelt's position," it adds, "they could not have done better than by directly appealing to those who oppose his foreign policy, for if the Isolationists wish to make argument of the 'Greer' incident they must now take their cue from Berlin."

The newspaper stresses that what America is doing in Iceland is not being done for Britain but because it is essential for American security.

It disposes of the isolationist complaints that America in the Atlantic is "carrying the chip on her shoulder" by saying: "It is more accurate and pertinent to observe that we are determined to how to line, let the chips fall where they may."

The German attack on the veracity of the American Navy touched many Americans on the sore spot causing considerable indignation and anger.

Violent Abuse

Violent abuse of President Roosevelt marks the comment in yesterday's Berlin newspapers on the encounter between the United States destroyer, "Greer," and a German U-boat.

Typical comments are: "President Roosevelt creates an incident," "Fraudulent depth charges," "Provocation heightened by lies," and "Roosevelt's fraudulent manoeuvre."

"Clever Trick"

The "Boersen Zeitung" writes: "At all costs, Washington is endeavouring to keep active Roosevelt's deliberate lie, the motive being, as voiced by circles close to him, that the American people can only be driven into war by a series of incidents."

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" says: "The attack of the American destroyer, Greer, on a German U-boat is the intentional result of a particularly clever trick with which the President thought he could deceive the American people."

Japanese Comment

The encounter between a German submarine and a United States destroyer "puts German-American relations on a new plane," declared the "Japan Times and Advertiser," official organ of the Japanese Foreign Office, yesterday in Tokyo.

"From now on, it will be understood that whenever they meet at sea, in Germany's blockade zone, there will be a battle," the paper adds.

The "Asahi Shimbun" predicts that similar incidents will occur in the future "and will ultimately bring about a state of war between Germany and the United States."

If America continues to ignore the blockade zones established by Italy and Germany, war between Italy, Germany and the United States is unavoidable.

Japan's Attitude

The "Kokumin Shimbun" declares that no matter what new developments the incident brings about, Japan "adhering to her autonomy will further her efforts

towards world peace." The paper adds whether obligations under the Tripartite Pact are involved through the incident depends on the careful examination of future developments. — Reuter.

FIRST-AID CHILDREN

FIRST-AID IS NOW TAUGHT TO NEARLY EVERY BOY AND GIRL BEFORE THEY LEAVE SCHOOL AND ALREADY THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES WHERE CHILDREN HAVE GIVEN RESPONSIBLE AND EFFECTIVE HELP IN ACCIDENTS.

In September last the Board of Education drew the attention of all local education authorities to the importance of first-aid.

Many had already arranged courses for teachers when the war began and few schools are now without a qualified teacher.

Lessons are often given by doctors, nurses, captains of the local ambulance corps and special constables.

In many cases the courses have been drawn up by the Ministry of Health.

HOOK AND EYE SUITS

Shortage of buttons is becoming so acute in Britain that hooks and eyes may have to be used on cheaper suits. Braces may go out of fashion, increasing the wearing of belts.

Before the war most buttons were imported from Italy, Machiavelli has since been set up in Britain to manufacture substitute buttons, but it is difficult to obtain the materials—corozo and gum—which are imported from Ecuador and the Sudan.

The button shortage will not be felt by the public immediately, as the clothes rationing has eased the problem.

BREAKS GAOL, IS FREE A DAY

After escaping from Wandsworth Prison early in the day, Albert William Cloude, 33, an electrical engineer, was recaptured the same night.

Cloude was in prison clothes when he got away and a police cordon was immediately thrown around the gaol. Wireless cars took part in the hunt.

Cloude was to have appeared at Kingston on a charge of burglary.

BRITISH NOTE TO IRAN

It is learned in London that the reply of the Iranian Government to the latest British Note is expected at any moment.

This second communication from the British Government is understood to deal with Germans and other Axis nationals in Iran, and it is thought the Note demands their expulsion or internment.

The Note, it is understood, also deals with the future of the German Legation in Teheran.

The second Note, which is supplementary to the one sent earlier in the week, was dispatched last Friday, and a reply is expected in the course of the next 24 hours. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S INTEREST IN PACIFIC

Australia is most interested in China taking her place as a Power in the Pacific.

"My appointment has a very great significance as a gesture of the sympathy of the Government and people of Australia towards the Chinese people and its leader," said Sir Frederick Eggleston, first Australian Minister to China, in an interview at Singapore.

Before leaving for Chungking, Sir Frederick will meet Singapore's Chinese leaders, and his first job in Chungking will be to contact officials of the Chinese Government and to extend the good relationships between the two peoples already existing.

He hoped that his stay in Chungking will result in a big increase in trade between the two countries, and when the time came to begin reconstruction of China, Australia will certainly be very willing to assist.

From an economically reconstructed China, Australia stood to benefit like other Pacific powers. He concluded that "Australia's policy is to keep closely in step with the British policy in every way." — Reuter.

FREE LIFTS GO TO W.A.A.F.S.

Airmen in the north-west who depend on free lifts to get to a seaside resort within easy reach of their camp are being crowded out of cars by girls of the A.T.S. and the W.A.A.F.

But the men are, in the main, taking it in good part, even though the "opposition" stops many of them from having their usual afternoon and evening trips at the weekend.

Women drivers, however, show their resentment at the intrusion of the girls on the men's "racket" by giving preference to the airmen.

JAPANESE LEAVING INDIA

Sixty-two Japanese residents of India sailed from Bombay for Japan by the s.s. Hakone Maru yesterday, the Raj having permitted them to depart. The ship also carried 285,000 bales of cotton. — Reuter.

Japan & Greer Incident

The possibility of any application being made to Japan to implement the Tripartite Pact is minimised in yesterday's Japanese Press comment on the Greer incident.

The newspapers which tend to favour Germany foresee an inevitable frontal clash between Germany and the United States.

Colonel Hayao Mabuchi, Imperial Headquarters Press Chief, in a magazine article, condemns the prevalence of disturbing rumours.

HE UPHOLDS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF SECRETIVENESS AND URGES THE PEOPLE TO DEVELOP "A HOSTILE FEELING FOR ENEMY COUNTRIES" IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE PENDING CRISIS. — REUTER.

SPY TRIAL SURPRISE

Germany has had the secret of the Norden bomb-sight since 1938, according to the United States Attorney, Mr. Harold Kennedy, who opened the prosecution of 16 alleged spies in the Federal Court.

Unfolding the ramifications of the alleged spy ring which he said covered the entire Western Hemisphere, Mr. Kennedy declared that one of the defendants, Hermann Lang, who was employed as the "fish" inspector of the bomb-sight, took the details to Germany in 1938.

Seventeen other defendants have pleaded guilty and now await sentence at the conclusion of this trial which is expected to last three weeks. — Reuter.

BRITISH FOOD STOCKS

Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, speaking in Edinburgh yesterday, said: "As we enter the third year of war, stocks of food are better than they were 12 months ago, despite the heavy calls we have made on our shipping resources for war purposes during that period."

At the end of the second year of the war, bread, which was more dependent on shipping than any other food, is now available in plenty. We are now the only nation in Europe eating more bread than before the war. — Reuter.

EXTENSION OF CALL-UP STILL NOT DECIDED

THE QUESTION OF EXTENSION OF THE PRESENT LIMITS OF CALL-UP OF MEN FOR ARMED FORCES HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE CABINET.

The possibility of such extension to meet the growing needs of the armed forces has not been lost sight of and the whole position is constantly under review, writes Reuter's Lobby correspondent.

The most urgent need of the moment is for people who can act in a supervisory capacity in the servicing of aircrafts and in consequence more people are being taken out of industry to meet the need.

At present, this action only affects the air force, following the recent report of the Beveridge Committee on the subject. The Committee are now examining the needs of both army and navy for skilled men. The position of the trainees from India has also been under consideration.

As far as shipping circumstances permit, there will be more trainees from India in this country and the training time may be extended.

Conflicting Needs

The question which Government has to face to-day is that of supplying both the needs of industry and the armed forces. There is the problem, too, of dividing specific pieces of work into very small parts so as to

enable most of the work to be done by either partially trained or unskilled labour.

Eighteen months ago the proportion of skilled labour employed on such work was between 38% and 39%. It has now been reduced to between 40% and 42%.

It is hoped that even lower standards can be achieved without in any way diminishing but rather increasing efficiency of output. — Reuter.

SIRENS TO BE TESTED

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announces that all air raid sirens in Hong Kong and Kowloon will be tested simultaneously some time between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to-morrow, Wednesday.

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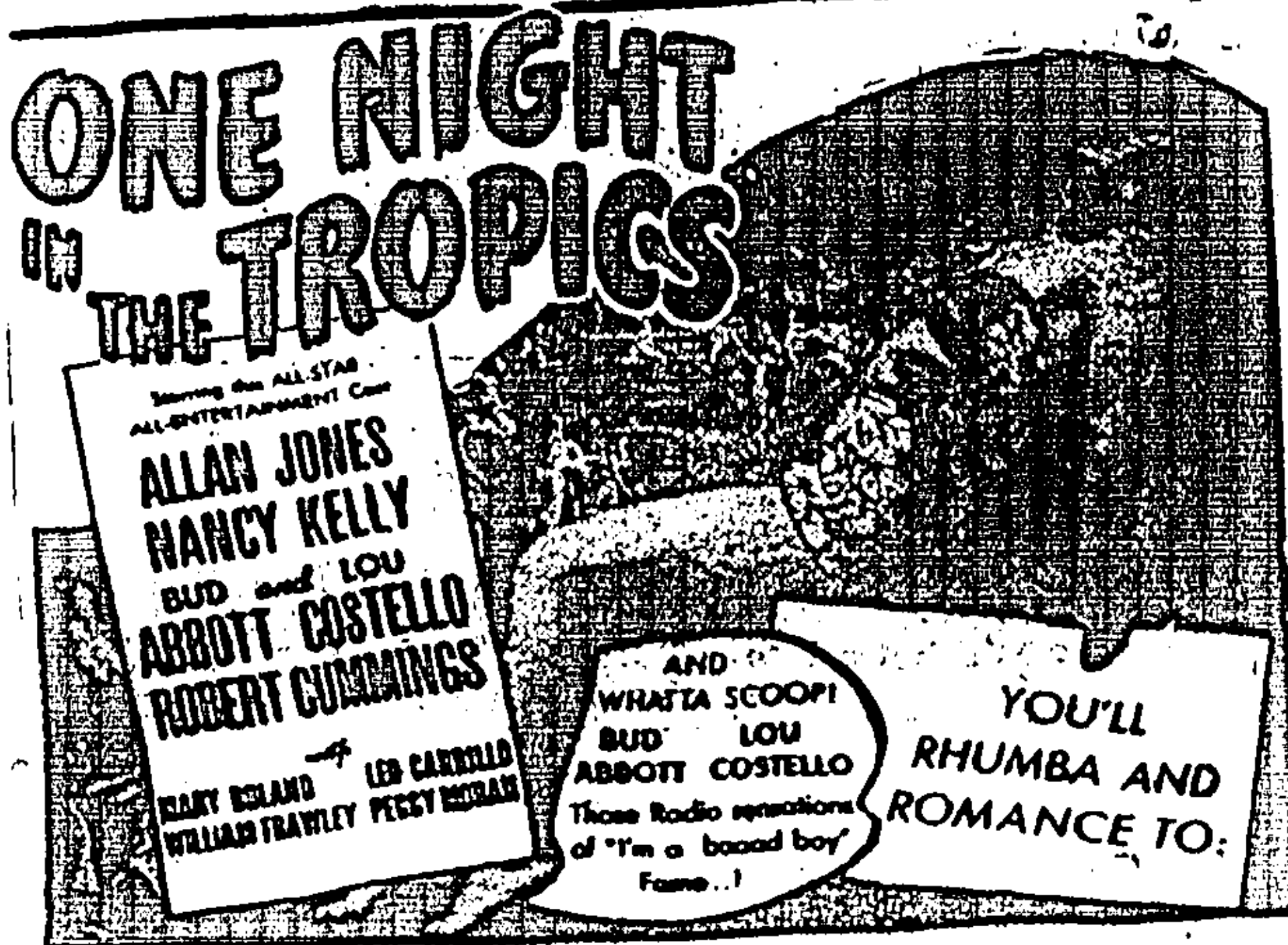
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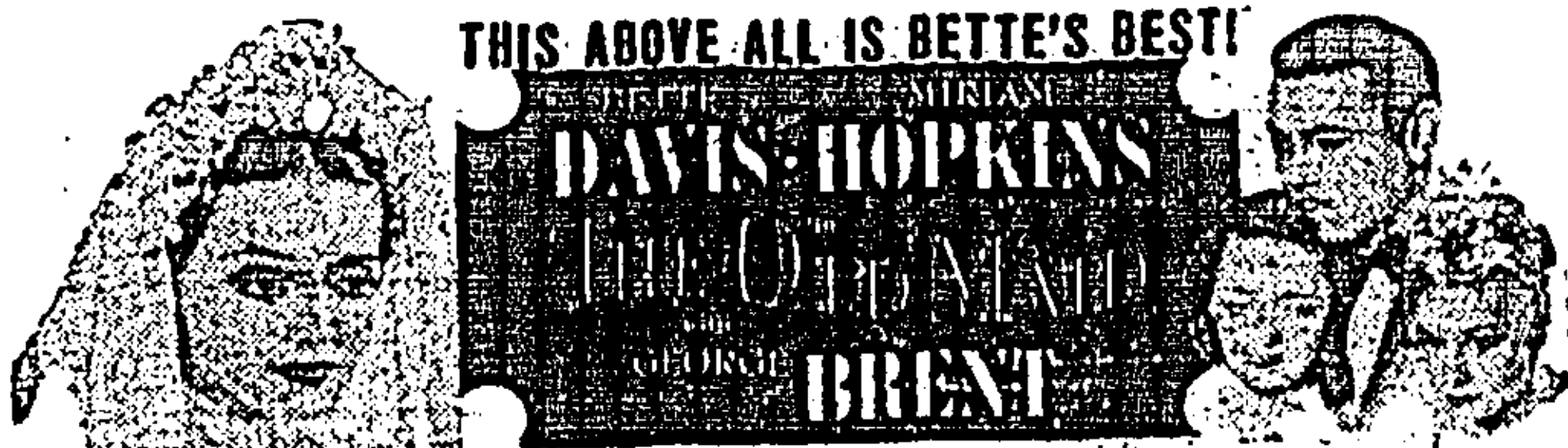
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REPORTED FINNISH ADVANCE REGARDED AS OF IMPORTANCE

TWO IMPORTANT supply routes between the Soviet North and Western Russia appear, on the surface to be threatened by the Finnish advance to the River Svir between Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega, which is claimed by the German and Finnish Commands.

The exact point at which the Finns have reached the river is not given, nor is the strength of their hold clear, but if the report is true, the advance is of some importance, writes "Annalist."

The Stalin Canal, main water-way link between the White Sea and Western Russia follows the channel of the Svir between the Lakes. The railway south from Murmansk crosses the Svir.

It is evidently the hope of the Finns, besides severing these communications, which would be a blow to two ways into Russia of Allied supplies, to join up with the Germans to the east and south-east of Leningrad, where the Nazis have not yet arrived according to the latest information from Moscow.

Not even this junction, if and when made, would cut off all the Russians' northern ports from the interior. There is still Archangel, which has good railway running due south to Moscow 250 miles away from the nearest Germans.

Moscow Silent

Moscow has hitherto been silent on the Finns' reported advance, which appears on the surface to dispel doubts as to whether Marshal Mannerheim, in his recent Order of the Day, intended his troops to continue the offensive battle alongside their German "allies" after having reached in the Karelian Isthmus the former Soviet-Finnish frontier.

The Isthmus lies on the opposite side of Lake Ladoga to the River Svir. Above the Svir, other Finnish forces began an offensive four days ago, it now appears, against Petrozovodsk, and it seems to have carried them with surprising speed in difficult forest country past that point to the Svir.

Petrozovodsk, which lies on the eastern bank of Lake Onega, has not been taken.

It is reasonable to suppose that if the Finns have in fact, reached the Svir, the Russians have withdrawn their lines between Lakes Onega and Ladoga while obviously keeping guard over the Murmansk Railway and the Stalin Canal—parallel with their earlier withdrawal in the Karelian Isthmus. — Reuter.

PARSON NOT INNOCENT

Saying that the girl had fully justified her charges, the Lord Chief Justice dismissed with costs the action brought by the Rev. James Irwin Stoops, of The Manse, Maguire's Bridge, Co. Fermanagh, claiming damages for slander against his former servant for alleging he was the father of her twins.

Stoops's case was that Bella Jane Wilson, 28, of Killynakeil, Co. Fermanagh, stated at a meeting of the Clodher Presbytery, which was investigating charges against him, that he was the father of the children born in July 1939.

As a result the Presbytery suspended him.

DIED WITH BOY SHE ADORED

The story of a woman's love and devotion for an orphaned boy lies behind the burial of a grandmother and grandson in the same grave at the Old Cemetery, Southampton.

Robert James Selman's parents died when he was a child; his grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Selman, cared for him as if he were her own son. She regarded his upbringing as a sacred trust which she owed to her dead son, Bob's father.

Bob grew up a credit to his grandmother. He won a scholarship to a secondary school, where he distinguished himself both in the classroom and on the sports-field.

When war came, Bob, then twenty-one, joined the R.A.F. He became a sergeant air gunner, but to spare his grandmother worry, he kept secret from her the fact that he flew. He led her to believe he was on the ground staff.

"If anything happened to Bob it will be the finish of me," Mrs. Selman, who was sixty-nine, often told friends.

A few days ago Bob was killed in an air crash. When the news reached his grandmother she was prostrated with grief and shock. Next day she died.

The inscription on a wreath at the funeral was: "Gone with Bob, she lived for him and died for him."

MURDER S.O.S. IN CINEMA

Police investigating the murder of George Thomas Roberts, 50, manager of the Plaza Cinema, Dover, used the screen of the cinema to help them.

At all performances this message was flashed upon the screen:

"Any person who was a patron of this cinema on Thursday, and who changed a pound or ten-shilling note at the pay-desk, is asked to communicate with the manager."

DRIVE TO MAKE TANKS

Thirteen-ton green-turreted tanks are coming off the final assembly line of the American Car and Foundry Company's plant at the rate of 10 per day.

They are now rapidly providing the sinews for the seven armoured divisions which the United States Army plans to have fully equipped within the year.

Two facts about tank production here are particularly interesting. They are being turned out by industrial plants, which completed their first tank on May 1, 1940.

Secondly, these manufacturers, to avoid any bottle-neck in the deliveries of armoured plates, have built their own units and now produce approximately 1,000 tons of armour-plate per month.

Perhaps even more important is the steady and efficient manner in which several thousand workmen labour in half a dozen different buildings to keep the Berwick out-put up to capacity. Tanks which I saw at all stages of construction symbolise the adjustability of American industry.

MUSIC FOR THE NIGHT SHIFT

An experiment is to be made by the B.B.C. to test the desirability of broadcasting more music to factories as a means of increasing the efficiency of war-time production.

Broadcasts for night shifts is one of the developments contemplated.

During the week, factories which relay to their workers the twice-daily broadcasts of "Music While You Work" will be asked to report on the effects on production of music by light orchestras, dance bands, military bands and cinema organs, and to assess the value of vocalists, including crooners, and what the B.B.C. describe as "rousing vocalists."

"Music While You Work" broadcasts began nearly a year ago. Some factories installed as many as 200 loudspeakers.

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SAY MAN IN LOVE KILLED HIS "WIFE"

A MAN accused of killing the woman with whom he was living and her illegitimate child and burying them in his garden, was alleged to have taken a girl to his home and offered her fur coats and furs which he said belonged to his divorced wife.

The accused man, Lionel Rupert Nathan Watson, 31, a bakelite moulder, of Goring-way, Greenford, Middlesex, appeared at Ealing charged with murdering Phyllis Elizabeth Crocker, 28, and Eileen Crocker, 18 months.

Mr. H. A. K. Morgan who prosecuted, said poisoning was suspected. Watson was married and had four children. He went to live with Miss Crocker and her illegitimate child in September, 1940.

"He told Miss Crocker—so he says—that he had divorced his wife. He and Miss Crocker went through a form of marriage.

"They appeared to be happy, but at work Watson showed signs of wishing to scrape acquaintance with a girl aged 17½ called Joan Philby. She gave him no encouragement."

Gave Girl Wife's Clothes

Mr. Morgan said Watson later took Miss Philby to a place of en-

tertainment.

"He gave her clothes and shoes belonging to the dead woman, and jewels.

"On Sunday, June 16, when the bodies were actually in the garden of the flat, he asked this girl into the flat, enticed her into the bedroom, showed her fur coats and fox furs, which he said belonged to his divorced wife, and asked her if she would have them. She refused.

"In a letter Watson wrote to Miss Philby the day before he was arrested, he said:

"I took to you as soon as I saw you because you are a lot different . . . and I was beginning to love you."

Watson was remanded.

VAST NEW WAR PLANT IN U.S.

After visiting two out of the three main aero-plane engine plants now under intense production for America's war effort, it appears indisputable that the skilled labour problem in this key branch of the aircraft industry has already been solved to a degree surpassing all expectation.

Here, at General Motors Allison plant, where Allison liquid-cooled engines for American and British pursuit planes are being turned out at a rate of approximately 400 a month, this fact is being impressively demonstrated.

9,000 Workers

In the autumn of 1939 there were fewer than 900 men on the Allison pay-roll here, and only 25 per cent. of them were classed as skilled labour. Since that time a vast cornfield has become the site of a huge windowless, blacked-out, central factory, and the plant now employs approximately 9,000 men.

Ever since the factory began turning out aircraft engines 13 months ago it has been producing mechanically-trained labour at a rhythm that has equalled or surpassed its constantly increasing rate of production. One of the things some people said could not be done has been done.

It seems scarcely credible that this completed process of aircraft engine manufacture has been achieved in about a year and a half by an organisation that had never handled aviation machinery previously.

These Allison liquid-cooled engines have previously produced 1,150 horse power, but a new model, whose approval by the United States Army was announced recently will have 1,350 horse power for the same weight and size.

ARMY CHAPLAIN KILLS HIMSELF

A young farmer's wife went to the door of her home in Lichfield, Staffs, early the other day and found an Army chaplain staggering about.

He died later in hospital from disinfectant poisoning. The Lichfield coroner recorded a verdict of suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

The padre was the Rev. Frederick Sadler, Boutwood, of Priory Mount, Holmsdale-gardens, Hastings.

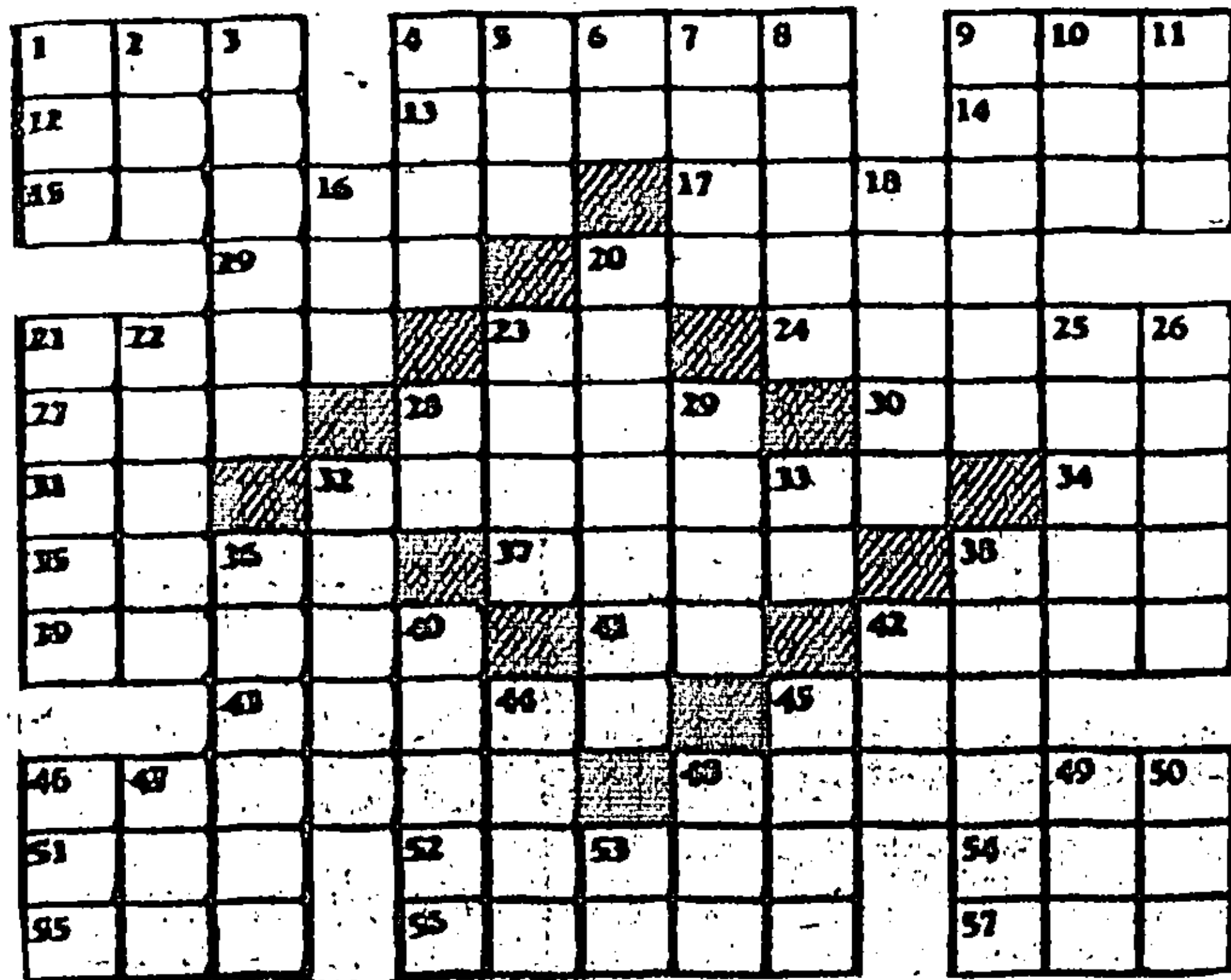
He was injured in a motor accident last November; it was stated. His hospital was bombed.

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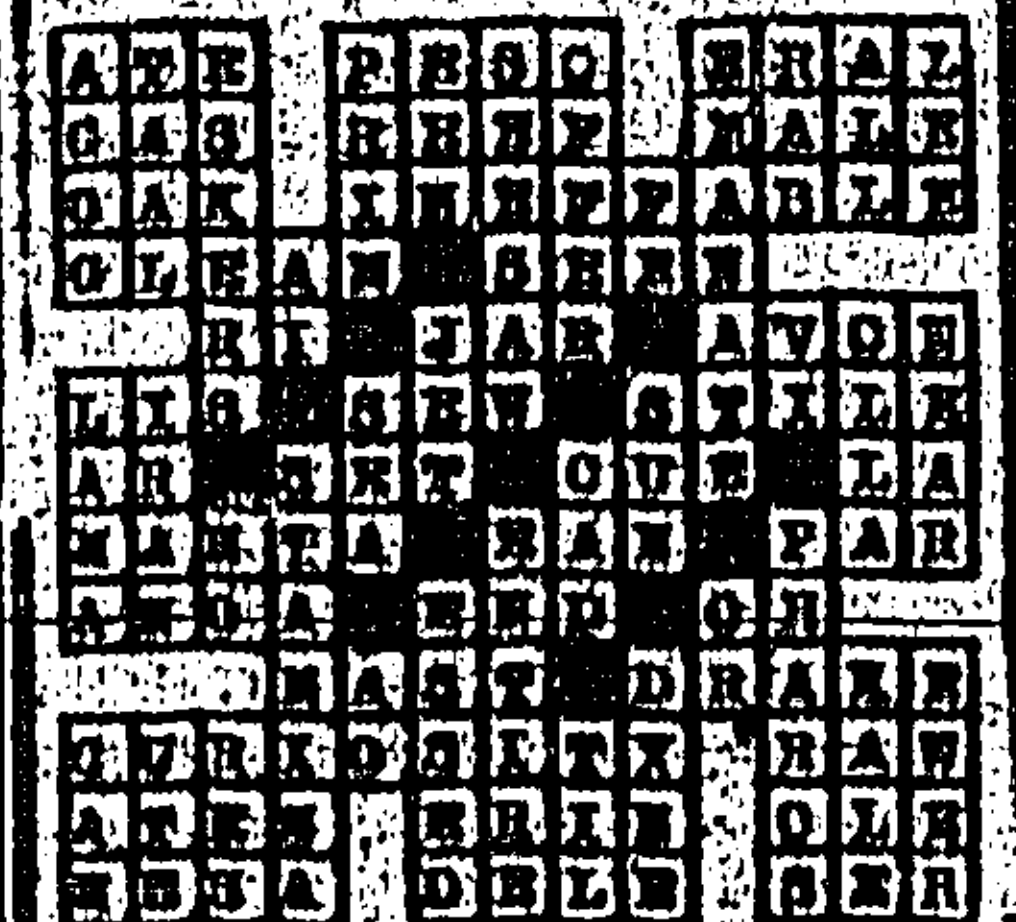
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Became
- 4 Source of light
- 9 Swiss river
- 12 Hummingbird
- 13 Feeble-minded
- 14 Inlet
- 15 The Milky Way
- 17 Right of a belligerent to use a neutral's property
- 19 Silkworm
- 20 Beneath
- 21 Female relative
- 23 Bone
- 24 Tile
- 27 Insect
- 28 To eat by regimens
- 30 Entry
- 31 Japanese measure
- 32 European country
- 34 Hebrew letter
- 35 Man's name
- 37 Withered
- 38 Lair
- 39 Approaches
- 41 Therefore
- 42 Act
- 43 Mental images
- 46 Evil

VERTICAL

- 1 Slang: joke
- 2 Eggs
- 3 Ability
- 4 Vehicle for hire
- 5 Some
- 6 Mixed type
- 7 Dash
- 8 Tears
- 9 Mount on which Noah landed the ark
- 10 Melody
- 11 Beam
- 16 Skill
- 18 Poetic: icy
- 20 Futile
- 21 Hebrew priest
- 22 To join
- 23 Lubricates
- 25 Wigwag
- 26 To alter
- 28 Note of scale
- 29 Polynesian plant
- 32 Vast number
- 33 Compass point
- 34 Garment-maker
- 36 Spectators' penthouse in court-tennis
- 40 Religious groups
- 42 Water barrier
- 44 On the top of
- 45 French cheese
- 46 Down-hearted
- 47 The self
- 48 Isle
- 49 Period
- 50 Philippine savage
- 53 Sun: god

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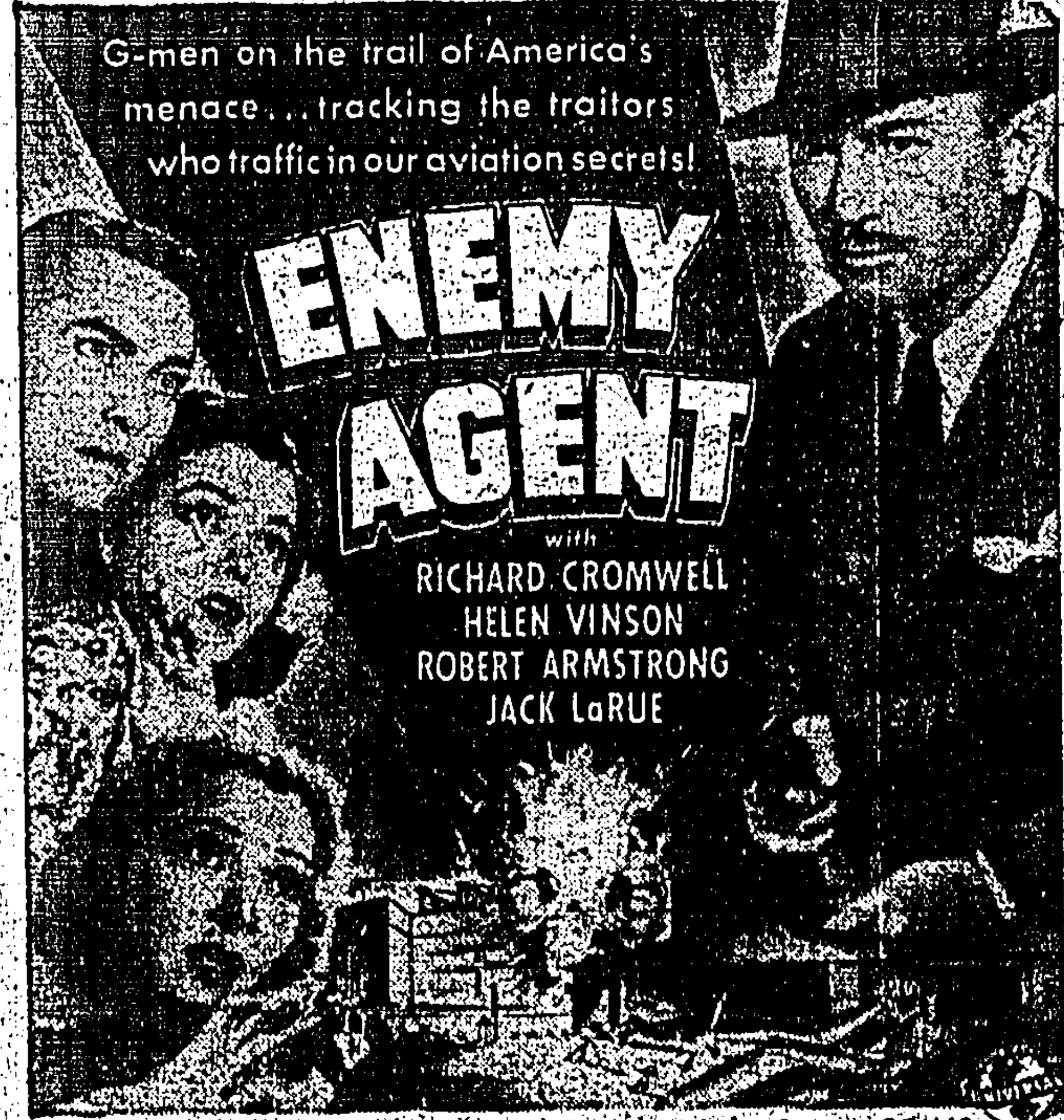
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GOVERNMENT WARNED OF PROBABLE TIMBER PRICE RISE

CONTINUING HIS evidence before the Commission-enquiring into certain matters in connection with the Air Raid Precautions Architectural Department in the Council Chamber this morning, Mr. W. F. Carman, of Messrs. Marsman, Hong Kong, China, Ltd., told the Commission that in September 1940, he predicted a rise in the price of timber.

Acting on that, Mr. Carman said, he advised Government, through Messrs. Campbell and Pearce, to see if certain measures could be taken to offset any likely increase, either through buying up stocks then, or introducing some sort of control.

That warning was not heeded, Mr. Carman went on. In answer to the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, he agreed that had they done so, a considerable saving would have been effected.

When the hearing was resumed, the first witness to testify was Mr. E. W. Blackmore who said that, as requested yesterday afternoon, he had brought with him correspondence relative to an order he had received for making 10,000 concrete blocks.

Chairman: In a letter, dated September 9, 1940, the Director, Air Raid Precautions, confirms the order for the 10,000 blocks and also confirms the order for an additional 10,000 blocks?—That is so.

So that the order came from the Director, A.R.P.?—Yes.

Reduced Prices

Mr. Blackmore was then told he would not be required further for the day, but just before he left, Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, who had entered an appearance on behalf of Wing-Comdr. A. H. Steele-Perkins, asked permission to put some questions to witness.

Chairman: Certainly, what are your questions?

Mr. Tinson (to witness): The first letter you received from the Director, A.R.P., was dated September 3, 1940 and after that you had an interview with Comdr. Steele-Perkins?—Yes.

And it was a result of the interview that you made certain reductions in prices?—Yes, from 87 cts to 63, and 23 cts to 20.

At this stage Mr. Davidson informed the chairman that since the previous day he had ascertained that Concrete Products were, technically, a subsidiary of Marsman's.

Mr. Faber

Mr. Carman then continued his evidence and the chairman asked him: In part of your evidence yesterday you said that the reason why your firm was given the contract for tunnelling was because you specialised in this kind of work?—I believe so.

WASN'T THERE A GENTLEMAN BY NAME OF MR. FABER WHO COULD DO THE JOB TOO?—MR. FABER IS A CONSULTANT ENGINEER.

He has done the work though?—Yes, I believe so, in Blake Gardens.

Has the work been completed?—Yes, but at the time there were a number of slides and I thought the work had been abandoned.

Kin Lee

What about the tunnels on the Kowloon side, are they not done by a firm called Kin Lee?—Yes.

Well then, Kin Lee were another firm who could have done the job?—At that time I did not know any Chinese firm was capable and that was why I insisted there was to be no subcontracting in the work we undertook.

How is Kin Lee paid, on a cost plus basis?—I do not know but I have heard that it was so.

The chairman then asked Mr. Carman whether he had produced

figures for the purchases of timber and witness handed up a list.

Chairman: I see that in April you purchased 5,000 pieces of timber?—Yes.

What tunnels were they used in?—I cannot say.

Were they used in the Hong Kong Bank tunnel?—I think not.

From where did you purchase these 5,000 pieces?—They were from Kin Lee, at \$5.20 per piece.

"No Way Of Knowing"

Do you know whether these 5,000 pieces were available in September, 1940?—There is no way of knowing.

Those belonged to the Chinese Government, didn't they?—I believe all sleepers in Hong Kong originally belonged to the Chinese Government.

Which employee in your firm did the buying of timber?—Mr. de Broekert.

And all the purchases were made by him?—He discussed the matter with Mr. Campbell first and Mr. Campbell authorised him to do the buying.

You know that there was a considerable stock of timber at that date?—Yes.

Suggestion To Govt.

Then why didn't you buy timber at that time?—I had discussed the matter with Mr. Campbell and suggested the price was going up. I further suggested that Government should do something to control the price and to make a survey of all the timber yards in Hong Kong.

What did Mr. Campbell do?—He suggested that to Government.

When you speak of Government, you mean the P.W.D., don't you, or which department?—That suggestion was made to Mr. Campbell and Mr. Pearce.

And in spite of that warning they did not take your advice?—I presume not.

Would it be correct to say that had they done so the price of timber would have been lower and a considerable saving would have been effected?—Undoubtedly.

BRITAIN'S GOOD CROP

"DESPITE THE WEATHER IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT THE FINAL WEIGHT OF CROPS GROWN THIS YEAR WILL EASILY CREATE A RECORD FOR THE CENTURY," SAID MR. R. S. HUDSON, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, IN AN EXCLUSIVE STATEMENT TO REUTER'S POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT YESTERDAY IN LONDON.

This bumper harvest had been gathered in difficult weather conditions and could only have been successful with the enormous co-operation which was so splendidly given by all sections of the community.

In addition to the regular farm workers and women's land army, there has been constant work by school-boys and girls.—Reuter.

10 MILES IN 10 HOURS

An R.A.F. squadron leader, forced down in the Channel, paddled ten miles in ten hours in rubber dinghy, steering by the sun, till he was picked up.

He had led a fighter squadron during a raid on Cherbourg, shot down two German fighters over the Channel, and had his own plane damaged.

INDIA WILL PLAY HER PART

The unshaken belief that India will rise to play her part worthily in the present juncture in augmenting still further the resources of the Empire was expressed by the Maharaja of Jaipur yesterday when addressing officials of the State on his return after an absence of five months on active service in the Middle East.

He said that the Indian troops were full of enthusiasm and zeal to get at grips with the enemy again.—Reuter.

Colour No Protection

The political colour of Russians in France no longer affords protection, for White as well as Red Russians are being rounded up by the French authorities at the behest of the Germans, according to a message received from Paris.

More and more Germans from occupied France are leaving Paris daily for Poland from where they are being sent to the Eastern Front.—Reuter.

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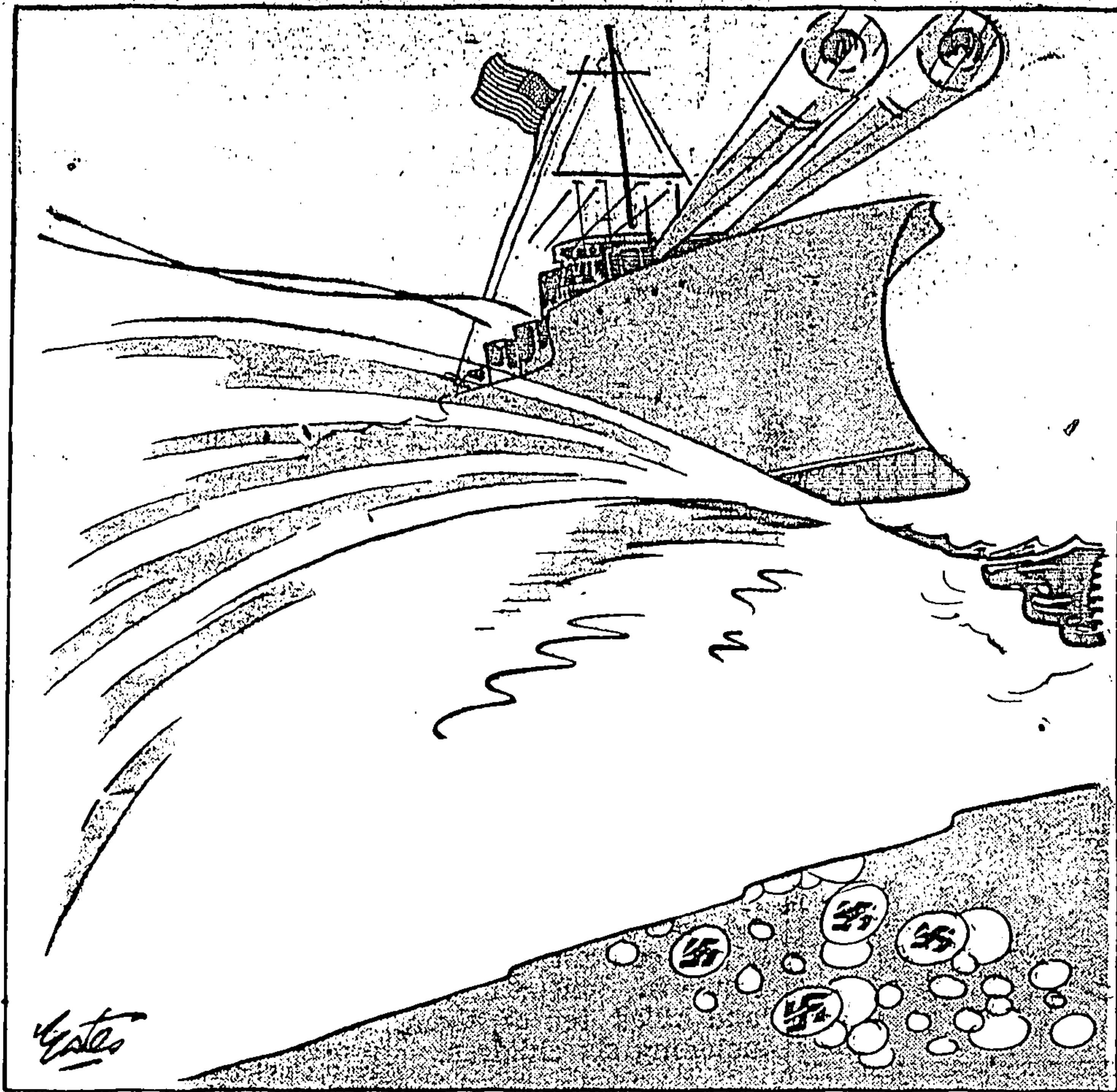
THE THREAT FROM VICHY

Shrouded by a familiar smoke screen of rumour, the men of Vichy are moving toward fateful decisions. The precise form which these decisions will assume cannot, of course, be known; it is doubtful, indeed, that the Vichy Cabinet itself is certain of its course, if the tales of dissension in its ranks are true. But the extent of the demands which Hitler and the Hitler-minded of France are making upon Marshal Petain may be judged with some accuracy from the Paris press, and the willingness of the Vichy government to meet those demands seems to be reflected in recent statements by prominent members of the regime. Should the shadows cast against the sky by these twin portents be translated into reality, there can be no question but that the United States will be faced by the gravest problem yet to arise from the European conflict.

Reports from abroad suggest several reasons for Hitler's present manoeuvres in Vichy. He is believed to be seeking increased industrial aid from France because of the strain of the Russian war; a diplomatic victory, too, would be helpful in restoring some of the prestige which the Reich has lost upon the eastern plains. But for America the most dangerous aspect of the current negotiations in Vichy is that which relates to the French colonies. The press of Paris, which has so faithfully reflected the views and desires of the Nazis, has demanded military collaboration between France and Germany to "protect" Dakar and, apparently, the French possessions in the Western Hemisphere from the "Anglo-Saxons." The example of Indo-China is not reassuring in this regard, and, clearly, Vichy's attempt to distinguish between the position of the Far Eastern portions of the French Empire and those in other parts of the world has failed to satisfy the State Department. Moreover, the hint which emerged from Vichy to the effect that Germany would be granted port facilities and transport privileges in the French possessions has an ominous ring.

If these "port facilities and transport privileges" include, as well they may, facilities and privileges to German planes and sub-

THE GREER INCIDENT



LESS TALK THE BETTER

A Bomber Short

It is strange how regrettable a clear sky can be when one is waiting for R.A.F. bomber aircraft engaged on a daylight raid to return to their station. One becomes imaginative and projects one's mind across the Channel to enemy territory.

I, too, have flown over Bethune, and the picture of our Blenheims approaching their target develops in my mind. I can hear the crack of anti-aircraft defences, and the "ping!" and whistle as little black puffs of smoke appear all round the aircraft, and fragments of bursting shell tear through the air.

Suddenly the formation swings and swoops. The bomb aimers are prone on their stomachs, their eyes glued to the sights. A hand reaches out. A lever is pulled. Death goes sailing down, and flashes, followed by heaving debris and clouds of smoke, tell where the bombs have landed.

"What time will the boys be back?" I asked the Intelligence Officer.

"Four o'clock," he replied, without hesitation. These raids are run with railway time-table precision.

It seems a long way to four o'clock, possibly because no one here at the station knows what is happening. In the interval, Radio silence is always maintained during daylight raids. Signals might give information to the enemy.

In a quarter of an hour now the tension will be over. We shall know the best—and the worst. I am allowed to climb the control tower where the Duty Pilot stands looking out to the south-east, searching the sky as a sailor in the crow's nest of a ship. Now and then he puts his binoculars to his eyes.

And then: "Here they are!" Far over the horizon some tiny specks can be seen, shimmering dully as they catch the sun. The Duty Pilot strains his eyes to count the home-comers.

"Hail!" he exclaims. "One missing. Blat the... The breeze bears the end of the sentence away."

The crews are now climbing into the tender that will take them back to the interrogation hangar. I go with them.

"What happened to 'J'?" asks the station commander. "Did the station commander..."

you see anything of him?"

"He was with us till we came out over Dunkirk," answers one of the observers. "They put up a devil of a packet from there and I saw 'J' go down in a gentle glide. He didn't appear to be in much trouble, but he must have been because he broke formation. I didn't see him after he started to go down."

No one made any comment, but we must all have a vision of three of those laughing boys crashing

By
RICHARD HAESTIER

into the dancing waters of the English Channel. Perhaps they are floating there now, hoping to be rescued.

In the interrogation hut, the Intelligence Officer is about to question the crews when there is a commotion. The words go round that the missing aircraft is safe, and the whole station seems to rush out to the tarmac lining the aerodrome. First among them is the Station Commander in his car. The fire engine has also arrived, and is waiting while the crew climb into their asbestos fire-fighting suits.

The medical officer is doubling up from his quarters, and the ambulance is there.

Meanwhile, the missing Blenheim has approached the aerodrome at about 2,000 feet. All eyes are turned toward it, as if in answer to our gaze, the rear gunner fires a distress signal. Back goes the answering signal from the Duty Pilot, and we all strain our eyes to see evidence of damage. The bomber comes lower in a gentle circle, and a great jagged tear can be seen in the side of the fuselage.

Almost immediately it can be seen from the way the pilot is manoeuvring that he cannot get his landing gear down. He will have to use all his skill to land the aircraft on its belly. It's a tricky business, and if the pilot is wounded.

Presently, when about only 500 feet up, the bomber takes a wider sweep.

In, in, in it comes—lower, lower, lower. Will the pilot, by bad luck, hit a small ridge and turn over? The palms of my hands become damp. The aircraft is nearly down. No more than two feet from the ground. Suddenly it wobbles—shudders, perhaps,

would be a more accurate word. At the same time it staggers upwards, trying to get into the air again. Something has gone wrong and the pilot is trying to snatch a second attempt. He is going to hit the hangars.

We wait for the impact. He has missed them and disappeared over the roof.

The drama is repeated. But something has gone wrong again. This time it looks as if the Blenheim is going to charge us, and, without a word, the crowd on the tarmac turn and run, ducking as they go. But the Blenheim has missed us and the hangars again.

For the third time it comes in, sinks lower and lower. First feet; three, two... Will it never stop hovering, and land?

There is a gasp from the ground and then a spontaneous cheer and handclapping. The pilot has put his wounded craft down with magnificent skill.

Like a relay race we all start across the aerodrome. The Station Commander is there first. "But—relief that is anti-climax—three heads appear and three smiling men climb out unaided."

"Everyone all right?" asks the Station Commander. "Fine!" says the pilot, while the other two grin their reassurance.

But before we realise what has happened the one good engine has started to smoke. But the firemen are too quick to allow a mishap now. Two thick streams of white foam are pouring from hoses into the engine cowlings.

Dodging the spray, we examine the engine. It has caught a "packet."

"It was all right going out, I guess," says the pilot, a young American. "It was cloudy all the way after we got over the Channel. I thought we should never be able to find the target. Then, by luck, someone had made a hole for the job. It exactly framed the target and we plunked everything through it."

"But coming back, out over Dunkirk they were popping stuff up like mad. The stuff I got was meant for the leading formation, but they missed it and I went in to it. I immediately went down to sea level to get out of it."

"Approaching Ramsgate the port prop disappeared and the front of the engine fell out."

"Why didn't you put down at Manston?" asked the Wing Commander. "Well," drawled the American, "I took the thing up from here and I guess I was going to put it down here again." He grinned. That is the way the R.A.F. boys figure things out.

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FRENCH NORTH AFRICA AT MERCY OF INVADER

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Somewhere In Morocco)

THE FAIR-SIZED French army in North Africa would be unable to resist for any considerable time attack by a well-equipped modern army. It has few planes and little fuel and ammunition. It is also short of mechanised artillery and motor transport.

These are facts that need to be faced in view of the news that the Germans have begun to back with threats their pressure on Vichy for the use of Tunisian bases, including Bizerta.

TEN KILLED IN ONE HOUSE

A bomb which hit a house containing twelve people in Southern England killed ten of them, including six children.

The two survivors, both children, are in hospital seriously injured.

They are the only two left of a family of nine, for their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Morant, and five brothers and sisters were killed. The other child was an evacuee.

A sailor home on leave and a Miss Martin were the other victims. The house was on the outskirts of a village.

80, Defies Hitler

When four high-explosive bombs fell near a cottage in another district of Southern England Mrs. Buchanan, 80, refused to quit her bed, although ceilings had collapsed and windows were shattered.

She had lived there all her life, she said, and would not let Hitler turn her out.

A platelayer in a country cottage heard a heavy thud on his roof and found a large parcel burst open. It contained hundreds of German propaganda leaflets in English.

If the authorities gave him permission, he will sell them at a penny, each for the local Spitfire fund.

Two alders were destroyed.

The Nazis are also demanding passage through Tunisia for troops for Gen. Rommel in Libya.

It is probable that the Nazis will soon force the issue and they are as likely to come through North Africa from Tunisia westwards as through Spain southwards.

German infiltration into North Africa is not confined to Morocco, and it is noticeable that Algeria and Tunisia are both in a worse economic position than Morocco.

Anti-German Feelings.

Were Vichy to acquiesce in the German demands and the local French follow suit there would hardly be any need to send large bodies of troops by land and sea. The operation could be performed by air alone, even if there were some French resistance.

Vichy's behests, however, are always less than German demands, and the behests are carried out in North Africa as incompletely and inefficiently as possible. "Ca' canny" methods are the only weapon of the local French authorities.

There is very real anti-German feeling among the population and officials in Morocco, but there is no indication that they would offer effective resistance to attack, although the evolution of the situation in Syria may somewhat change this attitude.

German Agents

You hear little criticism of our action in Syria, at least from the better-informed French.

Few uniformed Germans are seen in Morocco. But numbers of "tourists," in ill-fitting ersatz tweed suits, stalk along with the air of conquerors. Though the total number of German agents is not very great, there are enough to hold Morocco in a web of espionage.

Everyone tells you that Morocco's only hope is a vague one of some assistance from the United States, though it is realised that this could only occur as part of a general scheme agreed on between Britain and the United States.

'GAOL LISTENERS' CALL

The Nazi-controlled Paris radio has appealed to the authorities to imprison for six months everybody who listened to the B.B.C. and to confiscate their radio sets.

FIRST STORK SATCHELS

The first "Stork Satchel"—a specially designed medical kit to aid in emergency baby deliveries—has arrived in England from the U.S.

After hearing how so many mothers have given birth to babies in shelters and other strange places during the blitz, women volunteers in the American Red Cross got busy making portable "hospitals" for us.

They call them "Stork Satchels," and they are made in three sections.

The first consists of an operating gown, operating cap, leggings, masks, rubber gloves, sheets, hand towels and hospital bed shirt.

The second is a layette. This includes everything, for a newly-born baby from tiny embroidered dresses to a packet of safety pins. The third contains comforts and necessities for the mother.

TRAIN 'SUNK' BY WARSHIP

A fight between a Russian warship and a German armoured train was described by Moscow radio.

The announcer said that the train broke through to a railway station near the coast and opened heavy fire on Soviet positions.

A Soviet warship in the vicinity was ordered by radio to attempt to destroy the train.

The warship raced to the coast and opened fire. After the third salvo the train crashed into a ravine. A few more salvos and the train was a smoking ruin.

AIR HERO IS KING'S AIDE

Holder of two bars to the D.S.O.—both awarded during this war—Group-Captain Basil Edward Embry has been appointed Air Aide-de-Camp to the King. He succeeds Acting Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Fughe-Lloyd.

Group-Captain Embry won the D.S.O. when in command of an squadron in Waziristan in 1935.

First bar was won at Stavanger where he led a squadron in attacks on the aerodrome.

The second bar was awarded for his work in operations in the Low Countries and France.



Melvyn Douglas is starred with Rosalind Russell in Columbia's hectic new comedy "This Thing Called Love", which will shortly be shown at the King's Theatre.

Berlin Aflame In Bright Moonlight

A PICTURE OF BERLIN AFLAME IN MOONLIGHT SO BRIGHT THAT STREETS AND CROSSINGS COULD BE SEEN FROM THE AIR WAS GIVEN BY THE CREWS OF BRITISH BOMBERS WHICH ATTACKED THE GERMAN CAPITAL ON SUNDAY NIGHT.

One pilot described how he saw bombs burst in the middle of the city and start fires. "There were flashes all round," he said, "and buildings were lit up or silhouetted against the glare."

According to the Air Ministry News Service, crews coming in from the West saw the first chain of lakes bright in the moonlight and then the River Spree and the streets of Berlin.

"You could see the streets and street-crossings," said one gunner.

"You could easily identify the bigger buildings. It was so bright that you could even make out traffic moving along some streets. I expect most of it was fire-engines. Soon raging fires made even better landmarks as the bombers came in thick and fast. Buildings and streets away from the fires were glowing red in the light of flames."

A Battle Scene

A rear-gunner told of a battle between a twin-engined British bomber and a German fighter. "We spotted the bomber caught in the searchlights," he said, "it was on its way back. Then we saw the fighter with its tracer bullets going into the cone of the searchlights from the darkness outside. Then the fighter dived down in flames. We saw it hit the ground and blow up. Last we saw of the bomber it was going on with one engine on fire, flying straight and level. I hope the crew made it."

"We flew right over the city," said an observer. "Flak was there but we have been shot at worse in other places."

"One of the new high explosive bombs went off as we were going in and another as we were coming out. Both of them went off with a terrific red flash which seemed to hang in the air for a few seconds."

The navigator said that when his own bomb went off, "Everything went up. After that we came out very calmly and peacefully. Nobody took any notice of us at all."

Immense Fire

Many crews asked whether the Russians were over Berlin as well. "We should like to meet them there," said one pilot. "I went in from the East so the Germans may have thought I was Russian. I hope they did. Any way Berlin was under such heavy fire that the Germans may well have thought there were two air forces going for them."

Reports from many other stations give a more general picture of the success of the attack. There was an immense fire near the Alexanderplatz, smoke from which stretched miles to the East. Bombs were seen to hit buildings, factories, warehouses and railway yards. One crew reported groups of 50 small fires sending up a column of smoke several thousand feet high. Another crew reported three large fires which they saw for 25 minutes after leaving the city and even then they were lost sight of because of a cloud.

There were fires in all parts of the city, in the industrial suburbs as well as in the centre.

Five Fighters

Some idea of the defences of Berlin and what some British crews had to face was given by the story of a Manchester crew, which avoided five enemy fighters on their way to Berlin. "Then we were hit by flak," said a pilot, "but I went on and bombed."

"I found that the port engine was rapidly getting hotter and to prevent its seizing, I stopped the engine. There seemed little chance of making the long journey home but we set a course and hoped for the best."

Over much of the enemy country we were flying at about 5,000 feet and had to pass through a large belt of searchlights. Later we had to come down even lower."

Eventually after the crew had jettisoned everything possible, the bomber landed at the first aerodrome after crossing the English coast—with very little petrol to spare.

The bomber was pierced with shrapnel holes and the dinghy was shot away.

Good Night

The observer of a Wellington who has been on 42 raids had a very different story to tell describing it as "one of the best nights I ever had."

He added: "You could see everything perfectly and we had no trouble with fighters. We went straight in and found what we were looking for and came straight out. You couldn't ask for anything better than that."

Another Wellington came home with 12 holes in the fuselage and wings. The rear-turret controls were cut by flak one turret door was shot off and the rear-gunner's parachute harness and life-saving suit, tunic and shorts were torn by shell splinters.—Reuter.

MINES KILL COUPLE

A woman failed to hear a soldier's warning after a military land mine had killed her man friend.

The soldier shouted to her to stand still, but she walked on, touched off another mine, and was killed.

They were Sidney Dale, 28, a hairdresser, whose address was stated to be Broadley-terrace, Marylebone, London, and Sophie Naomi Rosenthal, 24, an evacuee, living in the West of England where the accident occurred.

Ration Book Found

At the inquest the jury returned a verdict of Death from misadventure and asked that the notice of the military authorities be drawn to the matter in an effort to prevent any further similar occurrences.

A police officer said the ration book and identity card of the man were found, but nothing belonging to the woman.

Private Ernest Joseph Glover, a soldier on leave, said that the young woman appeared as the smoke of the first explosion cleared away. He shouted to her to stay still, but she could not have heard him.

HE'S 3 AND HEAD WAITER

Alf Poole, 3, is head waiter to twenty-two blind pals. And little Alf never makes a mistake although he sees only dimly himself.

Alf left the Midlands for a blind children's home on the West Coast.

One night a German bomber came over.

Their home was wrecked, their coats buried under the debris and three of their nurses killed.

Alf asked what had happened. "Just a thunderstorm," he was told.

J. P. ABSENT FOR 20 YEARS

A magistrate who lives opposite a police court has never attended for 20 years and never signed a summons in that time.

That allegation was made by Dr. Peters (L. Nat., Hunts) in the Commons the Justices (Supplemental List) Bill.

MORE JUVENILE OFFENDERS

A 41 per cent. increase in the number of children under 14 found guilty of indictable offences during the first year of the war is disclosed in a circular issued by the Home Office and the Board of Education.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, and Mr. H. Ramsbotham, President of the Board of Education, state in an introduction to the circular that the offences are mainly those of stealing and looting.

"Suitable measures must be taken to secure the future welfare of these young people," they add, "and to save them from the risk of entering a criminal career."

Preventive Measures

Giving advice based on the recommendations of a conference of magistrates, educationists and representatives of Government departments, police and voluntary organisations, the circular urges:

Stricter enforcement of school attendance, closer supervision of conditions of employment of school-children and more comprehensive organisation for employment of leisure as preventive measures.

Extended use of the probation machinery and increased provision of remand homes by local authorities as the principal measures for treatment of offenders.

The need for younger magistrates in the juvenile courts is emphasised. "In petty sessional divisions where difficulty arises from the absence of younger justices," the circular states, "representations should be made without delay to the Lord Chancellor."

It is stated that there has been a substantial increase in the number of boys under 17 sent to prison, and the circular comments:

"It is feared that, finding remand homes full, some courts have been led to give the certificate required (by the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933) without sufficient reason and without realising the serious results their action may have for the boys concerned."

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ton, of St. Louis. "but this hand
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South, Dealer

Both sides vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 6 4

♥ A J 6 5 3 2

♦ Q 2

♣ A 10 8

WEST

♠ 7 3

♥ K Q 10 8 7

♦ 5 3

♣ Q 7 6 3

EAST

♠ Q J 10 9 2

♥ 9 4

♦ 7 6 4

♣ J 9 2

SOUTH

♠ A K 8 5

♥ —

♦ A K J 10 9 3

♣ K 5 4

The bidding:

South West North East

1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass

1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass

4♥ Pass 5♥ Pass

6♥ Pass Pass Pa. 5

"The only problem was to
make all thirteen tricks. West
opened the heart King, which
marked him with the Queen.
Dummy went up with the Ace,
and I (South) discarded the four
of clubs. I then cashed the top
spades and led a low spade. West
ruffed with the three of diamonds,
and dummy had to over-ruff with
the Queen. But now it was clear
that all the cards were properly
placed for the double squeeze, so
I just returned a trump from
dummy and ran every single
trump in my hand.""My last four cards were the
trump (which I had just led), a
spade and the King and a low
club. Dummy held the Jack of
hearts and three clubs. When the
last trump was led, West discard-
ed a club in order to save the
heart in dummy — and East felt
the pressure. He had three clubs
and the spade Queen, and couldn't
prevent me from taking the rest
of the tricks."Once again we thank Mr. Lin-
ton for contributing an exceed-
ingly well played hand. Somehow
or other a good player always
tends to think that his best plays
are nothing at all but a double-
squeeze hand doesn't "play itself"
— it requires careful management.

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin
Maier's partner and, with both
sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 9 7

♥ 3

♦ A J 10 4

♣ Q 6 5 3 2

The bidding:

Jacoby You Schenken Maier

1♥ Pass 2♥ 2♠

2♥ 4♠ Pass Pass

5♥ Pass Pass Dbt.

Pass (?)

ANSWER: You must pass. The
double indicates defensive strength
and also warns you that five
spades may be a dangerous con-
tract. Having left it to your part-
ner to decide, you have no reason
to interfere now with your part-
ner's decision.Score 100% for pass, 0 for any
other bid.

Question No. 816

To-day you are David Brade
Burnstone's partner and, with
both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 9 7

♥ 3 2

♦ A J 10 4

♣ A J 6 5

The bidding:

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3♥ (?)

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nourished. To save her a life of
misery, Major Bradstock bought
her and she lived on his farm.But Sally's life of leisure
ended when she was shot by
Inspector E. Winn, of the
R.S.P.C.A., and at Lewes Police
Court Major Bradstock was
summoned by the society.It was alleged that the donkey
suffered unnecessarily through
not having its hoofs pared.He pleaded not guilty and the
case was dismissed.

Leg Shown in Court

It was stated that there was no
suggestion that Major Bradstock
was of cruel disposition, or that
there was any deliberate cruelty.The donkey's leg and hoof was
exhibited in court.After the case Major Brad-
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the leg mounted and put on his
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down fifty enemy raiders
after dark.With their score standing at
forty-nine, cheers rang through
the station when a pilot returned
soon after mid-night to report that
the fifty mark had been reached.Helped by the bright light of
the full moon, he had chased and
shot down a Heinkel.This pilot nearly scored a "dou-
ble" for shortly afterwards he in-
tercepted another raider, hit it,
and then lost it.Less than an hour later the
squadron bagged its fifty-first vic-
tim.The squadron has received the
following message from their
group commander: "Congratu-
lations on passing your half century
Keep up the good work. I look
forward with confidence to the
hundred up."

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NEWSPAPER FOR
SIX MONTHSA Polish green grocer in War-
saw, Dombroski, has been arrest-
ed by the Nazis.In the cellar of his stall he had
installed a duplicating machine.
On one side of the brown paper
in which he wrapped his custom-
ers' packages he printed Polish
news heard over the London radio.
He edited this brown paper parcel
newspaper for six months until
one night the Gestapo burst into
the cellar and discovered the
radio and the duplicating
apparatus.Twelve secret newspapers are
now being published in Warsaw,
alone with a total circulation of
about 150,000. Some have been
smuggled from Poland to London.
It is said that Mr. Churchill was
amazed when shown a copy of
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EVASIONWestminster's compul-
sory registration for fire-
watching duties has been
ignored by two-fifths of
the population liable for
service, an official of the
council said when regis-
tration officially ended."People living in the Mayfair
district have been the worst offen-
ders," he stated. "To-night scru-
tineers will start to check up on
all those who have not registered.
We are going to give them a
further week of grace by keeping
open the registration bureau, at
Alhambra House, Charing Cross
Road, each day, and then we
shall prosecute all the dodgers.""Nearly 100 per cent. of those
who have registered are already
engaged on civil defence or fire-
watching duties.""Some people believe that if
they pay a fire watcher to look
after their premises their duties
are at an end, but that is not so.
Every British subject between 18
and 60 who lives in Westminster,
even in a club or hotel, must
register."Hundreds of people who have
been bombed out of their homes
or who have given up their
lodgings sleep in shelters in
Westminster. These people are
required to register, unless they
still have homes outside the city.The maximum penalty for fire-
watch dodgers is a fine of £100
and three months' imprisonment.

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15S. RENT FOR
7FT ROOMFor charging an extortionate
rent, Mrs. Ellen Swannick, 57, of
Old Hale-way, Hitchin, Herts, was
fined £5, with £4 11s. 6d. costs,
at Hitchin.An airman stated that he paid
15s. rent for a box-room 7ft. 6in.
by 6ft. 6in."The room was so small," he
said, "that my wife and I had to
move a table and chair on to the
landing before we could go in and
go to bed."Two other rooms were let to
another airman and his wife for
22s. 6d.Another married couple paid
25s. for a bed-sitting-room.The rent of the whole house
was 16s. a week.The mentally sketchy girl-
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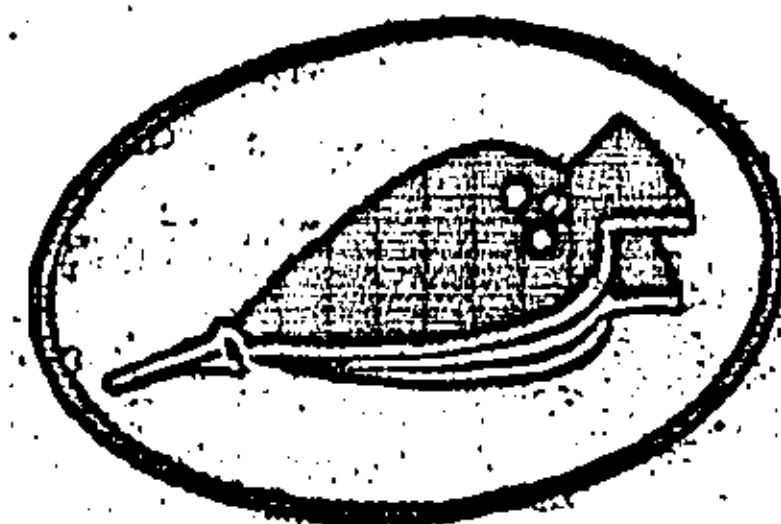
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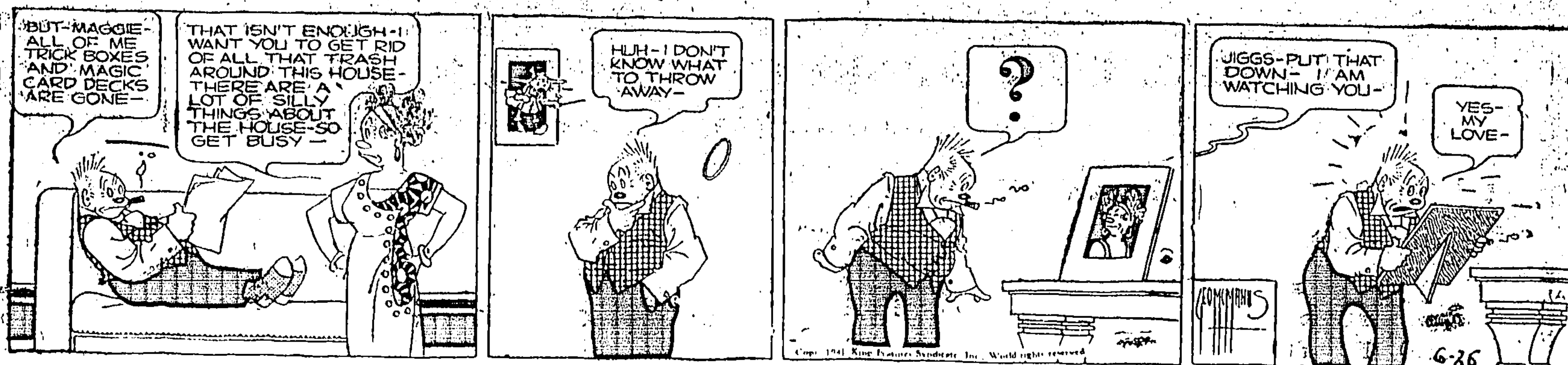
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Bringing Up Father

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Forty-Plus Can Be Style Queen

Leading designers prefer to dress the woman of forty-plus instead of younger girls. Why? Because the mature woman can be truly chic if she builds her fashion portrait on a sound pattern of simplicity and learns to dramatise her good points and disguise her figure flaws. And that age she should have developed sufficient poise to carry off whatever becomes her no matter how individual it may be. Young girls have the "sheep" complex—they fear to be out of the flock!

The chic mature woman is aware that her best lines are simple and flowing. A long sweep from neck to softly full hem with no break in the outline, and with drapery fullness above the waist to lead other eyes away from what may be an expanding waistline. No triple peplums or severe sheathes for her. She knows, too, that elbow-length sleeves, or bracelet length, are more flattering and her shoulders may be exaggerated only enough to balance below-the-waist weight.

Use Of Colour

Colour and fabrics are tools for her figure-sculpturing. Experience has taught her that subdued colours, and dull fabrics, minimise figure proportions whereas shiny surfaces and too-bright designs add pounds to her body. But contrast is used discriminately in accessories and trimming details as a panel of colour down a dark dress which slices a figure into three slivers!

The mature style queen chooses a basic colour (a navy blue, brown, black or green) and then builds up her wardrobe (no mat-

ter how limited or generous) around it. Smart handbags, shoes, gloves and hats which are interchangeable with several costumes, are great aids in making a woman appear to be well dressed and are also a means to adding splashes of colour.

Her Beauty

Individualised coiffures, skin kept lovely through care, hands well groomed and eyes alert are great beauty assets. The woman with graying or white hair can wear complexion colours in hats and scarfs, and the flimsiest, foamiest jabots and blouses with a dash that is envied by her younger sisters. If she dares, her hair may take on a lovely tint of mauve, or blue, and a careful selection of costume jewellery, (especially ear-rings and clips) worn with appropriate costumes, will lend an elegance to her wardrobe.

Yes, at forty, fifty or sixty, any woman can look stunning if she will play the rules of fashion. And she who keeps her body slim and posture regal will take the laurels every time. It is truly up to the individual to be a fashionable forty-plus, or a dowdy, discouraged middle-aged woman who is growing old before her time.



For her dark mid-season dresses, the older woman wisely chooses a slimming rayon sheer, designed with the simplicity that is to-day's fashion.

Cookery Corner

Don't, please, throw away your sour milk. It is useful and valuable. Here's how to use it: For this you can use milk that has turned, even up to the point where it is so sour that the curd and the whey have separated on their own account.

Put the sour milk in a pudding basin or an old jam jar (earthenware), and this into a large saucepan with a little boiling water. Cover the saucepan with a lid.

Keep on lowest flame until the curd has risen to the top, or should the milk be at the beginning of turning, until the whey has separated from the curd. A pint to a quart of sour milk should be in low steam for about fifteen to twenty minutes.

Place a fine cloth over a basin and pour the heated sour milk carefully into this. Gather the ends of the cloth and tie them tightly together.

Hang this on a nail, placing a basin underneath to catch the whey which runs and drips out. Leave this to drip for three to

four hours. Make sure that no dirt can fall into the whey.

Scrape the cheese out of the cloth and beat it with a fork. If you wish, add a little milk or, better, top of the milk bottle. Add salt to taste.

Here are some suggestions for making it different: Add finely-chopped spring onions, cayenne pepper, chopped chives, a little bottled sauce, any or all of these.

Use this cheese as a sandwich spread or as a filling for Savoury Crepes. These make a most economical, delicious dish to replace meat. Make thin small pancakes. Spread a little of the cheese in the centre, fold and leave to cool.

Transformation Bureau

Your suit or your husband's trousers will show a definite improvement.

Here's the right way to deal with delicate lace collars, which shouldn't be stiffened or ironed.

Gently squeeze in soft suds, rinse well and dry by spreading on the tiled wall of the bathroom or round a rolling pin.

You'll find lace will stick when wet. Peel off when dry, and that's all you need do—ironing is not necessary.

Clips and buckles and metal buttons can be given new life very simply. Rub them in a piece of material which has been thickly spread with magnesium. Leave them for a day and brush with a dry brush.

EVER SALTED BEANS?

Choose fresh, good beans. Top and tail them, removing the stringy parts. Wash them. With a sharp knife cut them slantwise into pieces about 1/2 in. thick.

Fill the bottom of an earthenware jar with a layer of clean salt. Cover with a layer of prepared beans, about 1 in. deep. Sprinkle a layer of salt over this. Continue until all your runner beans are used, finishing with a layer of salt.

Place a well-fitting plate on top of this. Put something heavy (a stone is best) on top of the plate. The next day you will find that the beans have shrunk.

Fill up, once more with beans and salt. Arrange the plate and the weight again.

The next day remove some of the liquid and cover the whole with a thick layer of salt. Then put away for the winter covered with the plate and the weight.

When you want to use some of the beans take out of the jar the amount required, using a well-scrubbed and rinsed wooden spoon. (Make sure that you leave

the remaining beans well covered).

Wash the beans you want under running water. Cover them with fresh water, adding one tablespoonful of vinegar to every quart used.

Bring almost to the boil very slowly. Just before boiling point strain the water off and rinse the beans once more in fresh cold water.

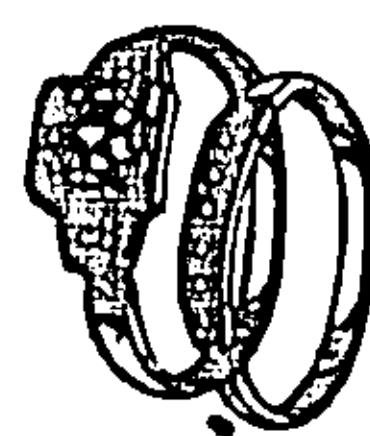
Make a sauce with stock (or water) and flour and chopped bacon or rinds. Season with pepper, vinegar and a little sugar. Add the beans to it and serve with fried potatoes.

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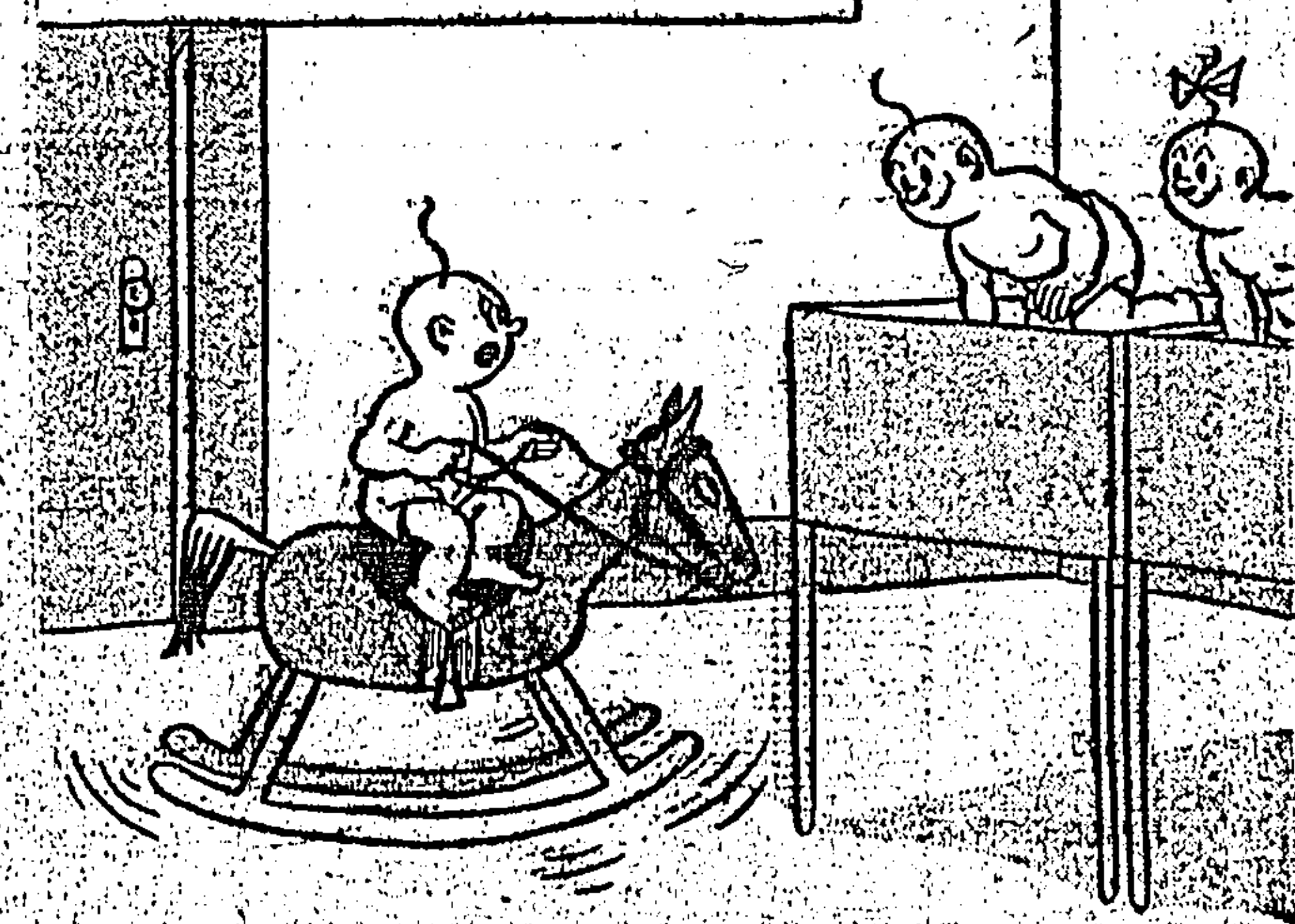
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Selections from Musical Comedy.
"Kind Of Jazz"—Selection (Yellen & Ager)... The Regal Cinema Orch.
"Sunny Side Up"—Vocal Gems (De Sylva, Brown, Henderson)... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"On With The Show"—Selection... Primo Scala's Accordion Band.
"Lights Up"—The Drift (Noel Gay): You've Done Something To My Heart (Eytan, Gay)... Pat Kirkwood (Soprano) with Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 p.m.—Quentin Maclean (Organ) and Joe Green (Xylophone).
River Reveries—Intro: Swanee River; Blue Danube; Old Father Thames; Deep River; Song Of The Volga; Boatman; Old Man River... Quentin Maclean (Organ Solo).
Lady Of Madrid (Evans, Hargreaves); Xylophonia (Green)... Joe Green with Mill Herth (Organ).
With Eric Coates Thru London—Intro: Knightsbridge; At The Dance (Summer Days); Bird Songs At Eventide; Three Bears; Covent Garden; Wood Nymphs; I Pitch My Lonely Caravan; London Bridge... Quentin M. Maclean.
The Whirlwind (Green)... Joe Green with Organ.
When I Heard The Organ Play (Gilbert); Didn't Forget The Old Folks (Noel & Pelosi)... Quentin M. Maclean.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—The Singing Hills; I've Got My Eyes On You (from film "Broadway Melody of 1940")... Joe Loss & his Orchestra.
Tango—Love Bells... Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—You're Gonna Loose Your Gal; My Wubba Dolly... Ella Fitzgerald & her Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—Who Told You I Cared (from film "Kid Nightingale"); Waltz—If I Should Fall In Love Again... Josephine Bradley & her Strict Tempo Dance Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Missouri Scrambler; Southern Fried... Joe Loss & his Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
2.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
2.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
2.47 p.m.—Debroy Somers Band and Pat Kirkwood (Vocal).
Theatre Memories—"The Gaity"—Intro: When I Marry Amelia (The Toreador); Queen of My Heart; A Little Bit Of String; Keep Off The Grass; Bedelia (The Orchid); Mary (Our Miss Gibbs); Brighten (Sunshine Girl); They wouldn't Believe Me (To-night's The Night); 355 Days; Song Of The Vagabonds (Vagabond King); Every Woman Thinks She Wants to Wander (Mother of Pearl); Rocking With You In My Arms (Seeing Stars)... Debroy Somers Band.
The Only One Who's Difficult Is You; Heaven Will Be Heavenly (from film "Band Wagon"—Davies)... Pat Kirkwood with Orchestra.
Ballroom Memories (Waltzes)—Intro: Invitation To The Waltz; Destiny; Merry Widow; Three O'clock In The Morning; The Skaters; The Choristers; The Cuckoo; After The Ball... Debroy Somers Band.
My Kind Of Music (from film "Top Of The World"—Smith)... Pat Kirkwood with Orchestra.
7.17 p.m.—Gerry Moore at the Piano.
Slow Fox-Trot Medley—Intro: You're The Picture; Love Is Like A Cigarette; In The Middle Of A Kiss; Without A Word Of Warning; Between A Kiss And A Sigh—Slow Fox-Trot (Burke, Johnson).
Shu-Eye—Quickstep (Mercer-Donaldson).
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—A Hill Billy Programme.
Twilight On The Trail (from film "Trail of the Lonesome Pine").
Riding The Range In The Sky (Harry Carlton)... Wilfrid Thomas (Baritone) with The Good Companions.
Rollin' Plains (from film "Rollin' Plains"—Samuels); Goin' Down To Santa Fe Town (Massey & Mable)... Big Bill Campbell & his Hill Billy Band.
Texas Dan (Robinson); Happy Go Lucky (Robinson)... Carson Robinson (Vocal) with Guitar, Accordion and Bass.
Tumbling Tumble Weeds (Nolan); Going Home... Jack Savage & his Cowboys.
Prairie Lullaby (Hill)... Jimmie Rodgers (Yodler) with Novelty accom.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Coleridge-Taylor—Four Characteristic Valses.
Valse Bohemienne—Valse Rustique—Valse De La Reine—Valse Mauresque... The New Light Symphony Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—Studio—Know A Man—Lord Lister... A Recorded Talk by Sir St. Clair Thomson with Introduction from the Studio.
9.35 p.m.—Dukas—"L'Apprenti Sorcier".
Leopold Stokowski and The Philadelphia Orchestra.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.48 p.m.—Violin Solos.
Hungarian Dances No. 5 (Brahms); Menuet (Nash); Wolf with Otto Reubner (Piano).
Le Deluge—Prelude (Saint-Saens; Op. 45); Chanson Arabe (Rimsky-Korsakov)... Toscha Seidel with Piano.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—The London Ballot Orchestra conducted by Walter Gehr.
10.22 p.m.—Puccini's "Madama Butterfly". Act I. Characters & Solists in

RESCUER 7 HOURS A HUMAN PROP

FOR SEVEN HOURS a corporal acted as a human prop, holding up bomb debris which would have killed a trapped couple had it fallen. An officer, almost exhausted himself, held up the corporal's head to prevent him from being suffocated.

The corporal James Patrick Scully, 33, Pioneer Corps, who comes from Crumlin, near Dublin, has been awarded the George Cross. The officer Lieutenant Charles Chittenden gets the George Medal.

Lieutenant Chittenden was leading a rescue party when he located a man and woman who were buried. While others cut props Scully stayed with the trapped couple, preventing further debris from falling.

A long plank was inserted to take most of the weight, but gradually the props slipped, leaving Scully supporting one end of the plank and Lieutenant Chittenden the other. Slowly the weight increased, forcing Scully down till he lay across the trapped man.

Scully was in danger of being suffocated by having his head pressed into the debris, but the officer, though nearly exhausted, reached over and saved him. Scully remained in this position throughout the night until, more than seven hours later, the rescue party saved him and the couple.

Bombed Out 3 Times

Scully told the "Daily Mirror" that his wife and two-year-old son had been bombed out of their home three times.

All he would say was: "I did my best. I thought of my wife and Tom and knew how I would feel if they were trapped."

Walked In Minefield

Several infantrymen were killed or injured when they accidentally entered a minefield.

Lieutenant-Colonel William Wilkinson went alone into the field, which was thick with unexploded mines, and brought out a wounded man. He gets the George Medal.

The George Medal is also won by Captain (temporary Major) Arthur Henry Morris, M.C., who commanded Royal Engineers sent to disarm the remaining mines.

Though it was difficult to locate them, Major Morris crawled to one, made it safe, then, still risking his life, helped to make others harmless so that the bodies could be brought out.

Saved Burning 'Plane

Ground staff of the R.A.F. who risked their lives dealing with burning aircraft are recognised in awards.

A George Medal goes to Air-craftman (2nd class) Charles

order of appearance—Cho-Cho-San... Sheridan (Soprano); Suzuki, her servant... Mannarini (Mezzo-Sop.); Lieut. Pinkerton, U.S.N.... Cecil (Tenor); Sharpless, U.S. Consul... Weinberg (Baritone); Kate Pinkerton-Loni (Mezzo-Sop.); and Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

Leonard Wheatley, who, standing two yards in front of a bomb which was likely to explode at any moment, succeeded, with the help of a fire picket, in preventing flames from a burning plane reaching the bomb.

To remove four 250lb. bombs from a crashed and burning plane, Acting Flight-Lieutenant William Richard Handeman sawed through the damaged bomb-carriers while the machine was burning.

For this action, which prevented other aircraft and a hangar being damaged if the bombs had exploded, he is awarded the M.B.E.

PATIENT SAVED FROM BOMB

Hearing the noise of a falling bomb, Probationer Nurse Dorothy Kate Gardner, of the Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, threw herself across a woman patient to protect her.

The bomb hit the balcony outside the ward and brought down the roof, covering the nurse with an immense amount of wreckage. She was very seriously injured, but saved the patient's life. The London Gazette announced that she had been awarded the George Medal.

During a raid on Glasgow a tenement building was partly demolished by a bomb. Rescue workers tunnelled through to a trapped man, and Dr. Daniel Millar gave him morphia, but to release the man it was necessary to amputate his foot.

Dr. Millar, Police Surgeon McLaren Ord and Nurse Cecilia McGinty together entered the tunnel, and there Dr. Millar performed a 40-minute operation, while the two others gave the anaesthetic. The man was ultimately extricated.

The doctor, surgeon and nurse are made members of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire.

The Gazette records the award of 14 George Medals, 24 British Empire Medals and 30 commendations.

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GIRLS MUST WORK

Thousands of women who consider themselves unable to leave their home towns or villages to do war work are likely to find themselves ordered into war work soon.

A Ministry of Labour statement says there are 6,386 women regarded as immobile with good cause. No work can be seen for them within the next three months.

In addition, there were 17,753 women who considered themselves immobile. They were likely to be employed within three months.

No Compulsory Transfers

Only 2,905 were regarded as immobile without good cause, and their cases would be reviewed again.

The Ministry is not prepared, in view of domestic and other circumstances, to compel the transfer of certain women to other areas for work as this might be unjust.

The Minister is urging employers and the T.U.C. to see that full use is made of older women workers.

The official view is that if these come forward to do what might be called "hum-drum" work, they would release younger women for the Services or vital war work.

Drop Of 67,049

Unemployment figure on June 16 was 301,939, compared with 368,988 on May 12—a drop of 67,049.

Men and boys registered as wholly unemployed on June 16 number 121,502, a decrease of 20,422 compared with May 12. Of these, 34,763 had been classified as unsuitable for ordinary industrial employment.

The figures for women and girls were 122,094 wholly unemployed (of whom 3,975 were classified as unsuitable for fulltime employment), a decrease of 28,234.

COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS: COMPLETE DETAILS

The Colony Swimming Championships, to be held at Victoria Recreation Club on September 25 and 27, and October 2 and 4, have attracted a large number of entries and promise to produce some very keen competition. Entries received for the different events follow:—

First Day, Thursday, Sept. 25, At 6.07 p.m.

Colony Championship—Men's 880 Yards free-style:—Yu Shih Kan (Chinese "Y"), Chiu Wai Man (Sing Tao), Charles Huang (University), Chan Chun Nam (Lai Tsun), Yau Sai Kwan (Lai Tsun) and Lau Tai Ping (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke. Junior Championship:—J. A. Marques, C. Marcel and A. Alves.

V.R.C. Boys' 25 Yards free-style Handicap (12 years old and under):—George Noronha, Tony Osmund, Paul Silva, George Harris, Roberto Silva, Lionel Sequeira, Edo Noronha and Carlos Yvanovich.

Colony Championship—Women's 100 Yards breast-stroke:—Miss Chiu So-Bik (S.C.A.A.), Miss Ho Wai Man (S.C.A.A.), Miss Li Po Luen (University), Miss Chan Chai Pun (C.B.C.), Miss Ko Miu Ling (Lai Tsun), Miss Lo Po Kuen (Lai Tsun), Miss Ng Shui Lin (H.K. & K.R. Union), Miss Sham Wai Yung (H.K. & K.R. Union) and Miss Shum Ho (H.K. & K.R. Union).

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards free-style Handicap:—L. Vieira, N. Broadbridge, C. Silva-Netto, F. A. Vieira and A. V. Alves.

Colony Championship—Men's 220 Yards back-stroke:—Au Leung Wah (S.C.A.A.), Chan Kum Cheng (Chinese "Y"), Yang Yu Kwan (Chinese "Y"), Poon Wing Kai (Lai Tsun), Lau Yiu Ting (Lai Tsun), Robert Chan (C.B.C.), A. V. Lopes (V.R.C.), A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.) and W. Lawrence (V.R.C.).

V.R.C. Women's 50 Yards free-style Flat Race ("B" Class):—Miss Myra Noronha, Miss Therese Yvanovich, Miss Yvonne Yolle, Miss Yolanda Remedios and Miss Marguerite Gutierrez.

Colony Championship—Women's Fancy Diving:—Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.) and Miss Josephine Ng (V.B.C.).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards back-stroke. Junior Championship:—H. Reynolds, G. Saunders, A. B. de Carvalho, E. D. da Roza and F. A. Noronha.

Colony Championship—Women's 220 Yards free-style:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Ko Miu Ling (Lai Tsun), Miss Celeste Gutierrez (V.R.C.) and Miss Ng Poa Hing (H.K. & K.R. Union).

V.R.C. Boys' 75 Yards Medley Handicap:—C. Gutierrez, J. Roza-Perreira, J. Carvalho, A. Tavares, J. Gomes, G. Rossetti, A. Remedios, F. Baptista and I. Erickson.

Colony Championship—Men's 150 Yards Individual Medley:—Ng Nin (Sing Tao) and Tsang Cheong Ming (Lai Tsun).

Second Day, Saturday, Sept. 27, At 9.07 p.m.

Colony Championship—Men's 100 Yards breast-stroke:—Fung Wai Cheung (Chinese "Y"), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Tsung Yiu Hing (Sing Tao), Ho Poon Kun (S.C.A.A.), Luiz M. Remedios (V.R.C.) and Tang Hon Chi (University).

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards back-stroke. Junior Championship:—H. Reynolds, A. V. Lopes, A. B. de Carvalho and E. D. da Roza.

Colony Championship—Women's 50 Yards free-style:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Ko Miu Ling (Lai Tsun), Miss Celeste Gutierrez (V.R.C.) and Miss Ng Poa Hing (H.K. & K.R. Union).

V.R.C. Women's 25 Yards free-style Flat Race (Beginners):—Miss Irene Osmund, Miss Laura Nolasco and Miss Therese Noronha.

Colony Championship—Men's 220 Yards free-style:—Tsui Hang (Eastern), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Shek Kam Pui (Sing Tao), Chiu Wai Lim (Sing Tao), Chung Shee Chee (Sing Tao), Charles Huang (University), Chan Chun Nam (Lai Tsun), Yau Sai Kwan (Lai Tsun) and Lau Tai Ping (Lai Tsun).

Inter-School 200 Yards free-style Relay (Open):—La Salle College, St. Joseph's College, St. Stephen's College and Diocesan Boys' School.

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke Handicap:—G. A. Yvanovich, J. A. Marques, C. Marcel, L. Vieira, G. Saunders and Alex Alves.

Colony Championship—Women's 50 Yards back-stroke:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.), Miss Lily Sadick (Lai Tsun) and Miss Celeste Gutierrez (V.R.C.).

Diving Exhibition.

Colony Championship—Boys' 100 Yards free-style:—G. R. Rossetti (V.R.C.) and J. Roza-Perreira (V.R.C.).

V.R.C. Members' 440 Yards free-style Junior Championship:—Luiz M. Remedios, E. D. da Roza and A. V. Lopes.

Colony Championship—Men's 150 Yards Medley Relay:—Chinese Y.M.C.A., Eastern Athletic Association, Sing Tao, European Y.M.C.A., Hong Kong University, Lai Tsun Swimming Union and Victoria Recreation Club.

V.R.C. Boys' 20 Yards breast-stroke

Handicap (12 years old and under):—Paul Silva, Roberto Silva, Lionel Sequeira, Edo Noronha and George Noronha.

Colony Championship—Women's 75 Yards Individual Medley:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.), Miss Celeste Gutierrez (V.R.C.) and Miss Tsang Fung Kwan (Lai Tsun).

Third Day, Thursday, Oct. 2, At 6.07 p.m.

Colony Championship—Men's 440 Yards free-style:—Chiu Wai Lim (Sing Tao), Chung Shee Chee (Sing Tao), Charles Huang (University), Chan Chun Nam (Lai Tsun), Yau Sai Kwan (Lai Tsun) and Lau Tai Ping (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards free-style Junior Championship:—L. Vieira, A. V. Lopes, C. Silva-Netto and J. Fenton.

Colony Championship—Women's 440 Yards free-style:—Miss Vivienne Churn (University) and Miss Celeste Gutierrez (V.R.C.).

V.R.C. Boys' 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap:—C. Gutierrez, J. Roza-Perreira, J. Carvalho, G. Rossetti, A. Remedios, F. Baptista and I. Erickson.

V.R.C. Women's 25 Yards back-stroke Handicap:—Miss Therese Noronha, Miss Yvonne Yolle, Miss J. Yolle and Miss Marguerite Gutierrez.

Colony Championship—Men's 220 Yards breast-stroke:—Fung Wai Cheung (Chinese "Y"), Tsung Yiu Hing (Sing Tao), Ho Poon Kun (S.C.A.A.), Robert Chan (C.B.C.), Yeung Yuk Wah (University), Hui Kwan Lun (University), Yau Sai Kwan (Lai Tsun), Kwok Chun Hang (Eastern), Wong Lok Tin (H.K. & K.R. Union).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap:—N. Broadbridge, G. Saunders, F. A. Noronha and A. B. de Carvalho.

Colony Championship—Women's 50 Yards breast-stroke:—Miss Ho Wai Man (S.C.A.A.), Miss Chan Choi Pan (C.B.C.), Miss Li Po Luen (University), Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Myra Noronha (V.R.C.) and Miss Tsang Fung Kwan (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Members' 220 Yards free-style Junior Championship:—Luiz M. Remedios, L. Vieira, E. D. da Roza, A. V. Lopes and J. Fenton.

V.R.C. Members' Novelty Events:—C. Marcel, F. A. Noronha, G. Saunders, H. Reynolds and G. A. Yvanovich.

Colony Championship—Men's 200 Yards free-style Relay:—Chinese Y.M.C.A., Eastern Athletic Association, Sing Tao, European Y.M.C.A., University, V.R.C., Hong Kong & Kowloon Residents' Union.

Colony Championship—Women's 150 Yards Medley Relay:—Chinese Bathing Club, University, Lai Tsun and V.R.C.

Final Day, Saturday, Oct. 4, At 9.07 p.m.

Colony Championship—Women's 100 Yards free-style:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Leung Oi Mui (C.B.C.), Miss Vivienne Churn (University) and Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.).

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards breast-stroke. Junior Championship:—C. Marcel, J. A. Marques and Alex Alves.

Colony Championship—Men's 50 Yards free-style:—Lo Yuk Wing (Chinese "Y"), Tsui Hang (Eastern), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Shek Kam Pui (Sing Tao), Wong Chie Hong (Sing Tao), Chan Cheong Hong (C.B.C.), Ng Tsun Man (University), David Hutchinson (—) and Tsang Cheong Ming (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Women's 50 Yards free-style Handicap:—Miss Therese Yvanovich, Miss Yolanda Remedios, Miss Marguerite Gutierrez, Miss Therese Noronha, Miss Laura Nolasco and Miss Beatrice Britto.

Colony Championship—Men's 100 Yards back-stroke:—Wong Sou Sen (Eastern), Shek Kam Pui (Sing Tao), A. V. Lopes (V.R.C.), A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.), W. Lawrence (V.R.C.), Fung Fui Wan (C.B.C.), Poon Wing Kai (Lai Tsun), Lau Yiu Ting (Lai Tsun) and Yeung Man Wai (H.K. & K.R. Union).

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards free-style Junior Championship:—H. Reynolds, C. Silva-Netto, G. Saunders, Luiz M. Remedios and J. Fenton.

Colony Championship—Women's 100 Yards back-stroke:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Lily Sadick (Lai Tsun) and Miss Celeste Gutierrez (V.R.C.).

Colony Championship—Men's 100 Yards free-style:—Tsui Hang (Eastern), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Shek Kam Pui (Sing Tao), Wong Chie Hong (Sing Tao), Charles Huang (University), Ng Tsun Man (University), David Hutchinson (—) and Lau Tai Ping (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards free-style Handicap:—H. Silva, F. A. Vieira, L. Vieira, A. V. Lopes, N. Broadbridge, G. Saunders, E. D. da Roza, G. A. Yvanovich, F. A. Noronha and A. V. Alves.

Colony Championship—Women's 200 Yards free-style Relay:—H.K. University, Lai Tsun Swimming Union, V.R.C. and H.K. & Kowloon Residents' Union.

Water Polo.

Heats Arranged

Following dates have been reserved for heats:—

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10, 6.07 P.M.

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173 Lights (New) @ \$13¼

25 Elec. (Old) X. Rts. @ \$21.60
112 Eec. Rts. @ \$11¼

200 Watsons @ \$11.85

SAYS A.R.P. MEN NEED DISCIPLINE

STRICTER DISCIPLINE IN A.R.P. SERVICES WAS URGED BY SIR GERVAIS RENTOUL, THE WEST LONDON MAGISTRATE.

He was dismissing, under the Probation Act, summonses against Walter Frost, of Southam-street, West Kensington, for absenting himself from duty. Frost said he and others had simply gone "round the corner" for a drink.

"In the Army men are taught discipline, but in the A.R.P. services there is tremendous slackness," said Sir Gervais.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

In the Wu Teh-chen Cup basketball tournament at Chinese Y.M.C.A. last evening, Y.M.C.A. beat Bank Union 70-33, and Wah Kiu beat Victoria Recreation Club 53-22.

Y.M.C.A.—Wong Wai-hung (25), Luk Tak-cheung (11), Fon Yuek-shan, (6), Chan Kan-yu (7), Lo Hon-san (5), Chan Wah-hin, (4), Wong Kan-chiu (4), Man Tak-kwong (4), Ko Kar-wo (2), So Pak-fai (2).

Bank Union:—Lau Kam (10), Au Yeung-shing (13), Kwok Tsang-fook (5), Tsui Yuen-kee (4), Ng Kit-sing.

Wah Kiu:—Luk Yau-kan (15), Tang Yiu-ming (12), Lo Kai-ming (10), Tang Fuk-hon (8), Lam Kin-yim (4), Ng Hui-fu (4).

Victoria Recreation Club:—A. Azedo (10), R. Rosario (6), R. Maxwell (4), A. Alves (2).

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	8	6	0	12
South China	5	5	0	10
Sing Tao	5	4	1	9
Wah Kiu	5	4	1	8
National University	5	4	1	8
Black Cats	5	3	2	6
Indian Police	4	2	2	4
Yquiths	5	2	3	4
Residents' Union	5	2	3	4
Bank Union	5	1	4	2
Yu Leung	5	1	4	2
Ping Ching	5	1	4	2
V.R.C.	5	0	5	0
Trojans	5	0	5	0

Colony Championship:—

Men's 800 Yards free-style.

Men's 220 Yards back-stroke.

Men's 100 Yards breast-stroke.

V.R.C. Boys'—

50 Yards back-stroke Handicap.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11, 6.07 P.M.

Colony Championship:—

Men's 220 Yards free-style.

Men's 150 Yards Med Relay.

Men's 50 Yards free-style.

Women's 50 Yards breast-stroke.

V.R.C. Women's:—

50 Yards free-style Handicap.

V.R.C. Boys'—

25 Yards free-style Handicap (12 years old and under).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12, 6.07 P.M.

Colony Championship:—

Men's 440 Yards free-style.

Men's 220 Yards breast-stroke.

Women's 100 Yards breast-stroke.

Women's 50 Yards free-style.

V.R.C. Members'—

220 Yards free-style Junior Championship.

50 Yards free-style Handicap.

V.R.C. Boys'—

75 Yards Medley Handicap.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13, 6.07 P.M.

Colony Championship:—

Men's 200 Yards free-style Relay.

Men's 100 Yards free-style.

Men's 100 Yards back-stroke.

Men's Diving.

Women's 220 Yards free-style.

V.R.C. Members'—

50 Yards breast-stroke Handicap.

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POLICE RUGBY LIKELY TO SHOW VERY MARKED IMPROVEMENT THIS YEAR

By "Scrum-Half"

Police Rugby stock this season should be very much higher than it was last season, when injuries crippled the side and dampened the enthusiasm engendered by successes in the 1939-40 season.

S.C.A.A. ONE STEP NEARER CHAMPI

South China Athletic Association, who have already won Second and Fourth Division League Tennis Championships, yesterday became virtual Third Division champions, when they beat Kowloon Indians Tennis Club by 6½ sets to 2½ on their own ground, scores being as follows:—

J. Hsu and H. P. Kwok (S.C.A.A.) beat S. A. Hussan and H. M. Singh 6-2
 beat S. S. Hussan and S. A. Sepher 6-1
 beat Y. J. Khan and M. Ramzan 6-2
 C. P. Ip and S. Y. Li (S.C.A.A.) drew with Hussan and Singh 6-6
 beat Hussan and Sepher 6-3
 beat Khan and Ramzan 6-3
 C. L. Lau and K. Sung (S.C.A.A.) lost to Hussan and Singh 1-6
 lost to Hussan and Sepher 4-0
 beat Khan and Ramzan 6-1

Table To Date

	Sets	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
S.C.A.A.	9 9 0 0 61½ 19½ 18	
A.T.C.	8 7 1 0 54 18 14	
C.R.C. (2)	9 6 3 0 55 26 12	
C.C.C.	6 5 1 0 32½ 21½ 10	
C.D.R.	7 4 2 1 37 26 9	
K.I.T.C.	8 4 3 1 39½ 32½ 9	
C.R.C. (1)	5 2 3 0 22½ 22½ 4	
K.T.G.C.A.	7 2 5 0 22 21 4	
K.C.C.	8 2 6 0 21 51 4	
H.K.U.T.C.	7 1 8 0 20½ 42½ 2	
I.R.C.	9 0 9 0 16½ 69½ 0	

SHANGHAI CRICKET

In a friendly all-day cricket encounter, at the S.C.C. recently, a side captained by J. W. Pote-Hunt defeated an eleven skippered by E. J. Sluis after an exciting match by 21 runs. Scores were:—

Pote-Hunt's XI: 162 (R. U. Reynolds 42; F. A. Puts 5 for 36).
 Sluis' XI: 141 (A. C. Sinclair 23; E. J. Sluis 22; W. Marsay 21; H. E. Orr 7 for 35).

Sunderland F.C. lost £1,750 last year, and the club has an overdraft of £4,600.

Duggie Taylor is a doubtful starter, being under doctor's orders, and Culliman will be badly missed at forward, but I understand Heath will be back this month after two years in India, and that Wall, Luscombe, Searle, Fay, Wilson and Leslie are all fit again. Wheeler is also back from leave and Rose will again be available.

Riddell, ex-Colony Interporter, will not be playing this season and so will have more time to coach the side.

Practice On 22nd

A meeting will be held shortly and practice will commence on Monday, September 22.

At this early stage the probable Police line-up appears to be as follows: Wall; Reynolds, Fay, Wilson and Jackson (or Taylor); Leslie and Luscombe; Searle, Lewis, Todd; Dempsey, Oakley; Wright, Nooth, Innes and Heath, with useful reserves in Dingdale and Veriga as backs and Rose, Wheeler, Hamsley and Hogarth at forward.

Overtures are being made to Howlett, but I very much doubt if he will give up a promising soccer career for a game at which he is a comparative beginner.

Billy Myers and Dick Bartell, short-stops of the 1940 World Series, have been warning benches most of this season.

Relatives of A. T. C. Geary, former Surrey cricketer and who had been missing since the Germans occupied the Channel Islands, have received a letter stating he's safe and well.

A stray dog wandered into a baseball box-score during a recent game at Charlotte, N.C. Bob Ortiz, of the local club, clouted the ball to right field. As he neared first a terrier dashed from the stands. He nabbed Ortiz at first and stuck with him all the way to third, where Ortiz beat him and the ball by sliding. In a local paper the next day, there was this footnote: "y-Stray dog."

In the summary: "y-Ran with Ortiz in the ninth."

DOUBLE CURVE EXPLAINED

DETROIT.—Baseball men say Jack Knott throws a two-way curve.

"I grasp the ball off centre so the greater portion of it projects beyond the first finger and thumb," explains the Athletics' right-hander. "A straight over-hand motion is used and terrific spin is imparted. The spin makes the ball curve downward and, to the left. When that spin is spent the off-balance weight of the ball takes control and forces the change in direction."

MOST PITCHERS ILLEGAL

BILL MCGOWAN, ONE OF THE LEADING UMPIRES IN BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL IN AMERICA, RECENTLY SAID THAT 55 PER CENT OF THE MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHERS DELIVER THE BALL ILLEGALLY ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. THE CUTTER PITCHERS, HE SAID, USE MECHANICAL "FAULTS" TO ADVANTAGE.

More common amongst these "faults," he says, are:—

Not having the back foot in contact with the rubber.

Taking a step, or crowhopping with the front foot.

Not coming to a stop before pitching with men on bases.

Moving the shoulders, head, arms, feet or fingers after coming to a stop.

Not stepping toward first base in attempting to pick off a baserunner.

Failure to first back off the rubber after coming to a stop in holding men on bases when not in the act of delivering the ball to the plate or throwing to bases.

Umpires will tell you that they would spend half their time running to the box if they did so in response to every mechanical defect and infringement.

The best they can hope for is to keep illegal pitching down to a minimum.

Old Tricks Stopped

Years ago chuckers discoloured the sphere with mud, licorice, coffee and whatnot.

They roughened it with sandpaper, emery and fingernails.

They cut the seam.

They loaded the seam with mud.

They loosened the cover . . .

threw a "punk" ball.

Two swipes on his trouser leg and Eddie Cicotte of unhappy Black Sox memory had one side of the ball shining like a ballroom slipper.

Others shined one side and blackened the other.

They wore a shiny ring on the pitching hand.

Most of the old methods, of cheating, disappeared when umpires started tossing out a new ball at the slightest excuse.

Sheffield, Wednesday, report a loss of £1,776 last season. In 1939-40 the club lost £3,099.

ROYAL ENGINEERS ARE BACK IN 1ST DIVISION AFTER SOME 20 YEARS

By "Referee"

AFTER A PERIOD OF ALMOST 20 YEARS ROYAL ENGINEERS ARE RETURNING TO FIRST DIVISION OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE THIS SEASON, AND, AS ALL THOSE PLAYERS WHO HAVE DONE SO WELL FOR THEM IN THE PAST TWO SEASONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE THERE IS EVERY REASON TO EXPECT THAT THEY WILL GIVE A GOOD ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES IN SENIOR FOOTBALL.

They have been unable so far, owing to military duties and lack of ground accommodation, to do much spotting of talent among the new arrivals, but this handicap will be overcome in the friendly games which have been already arranged.

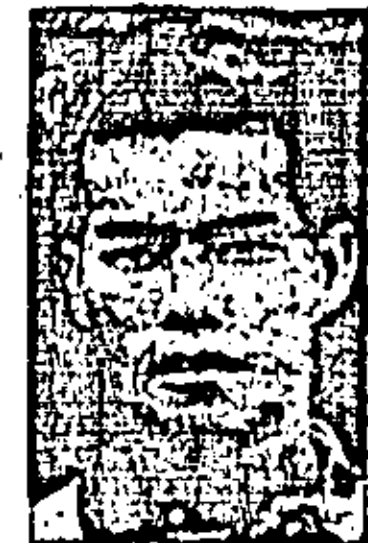
Only one change in the senior team is expected to be made for the opening games. Fielding will probably be brought into the side in place of Tang Chung-pak.

Moxham, who played against Shanghai in 1940, has fully recovered from his injuries and will be seen in goal.

Shaw, captain of the side, will again occupy the pivotal position, with Taylor on his left.

Birrell, who played at right-half for the greater part of last season, may be seen in the forward line. He played at inside-right

towards the close of last season and added much needed zest to the attack. If Birrell goes up to the front line his place in the intermediate line will be filled by Chan Ying-kuen, who formerly played for Eastern. This player is much too useful to be left out of the team as he is at home in any position.



CHAN

Two Injured

The majority of the players have been keeping themselves in good condition during the Summer. Fox and Pelham aggravated old injuries playing small-ball and have as a result been taking things quietly recently, but they are reported to be well on the way to recovery and should be fit for the first game.

Palmer appears to have recovered fully from a rather troublesome ankle injury received last season and which kept him out of the team for some time, and he and Fielding should make a good pair of backs. Pelham, the "brains" of the Sappers' attack, will be seen in his usual position at inside-right.

with Fox leading the attack. Li Wai-lum, who scored many goals last season, will be on the right-wing, with Jones on the left.

Probable Line-Up

Following is the probable line-up for the first game against Sing Tao: Moxham; Palmer and Fielding; Chan Ying-kuen, Shaw, and Taylor; Li Wai-lum, Birrell, Fox, Pelham and Jones.

The Second Division team, however, is presenting quite a problem as there are so many players of the same standard. The main difficulty lies in deciding on the intermediate line, or rather upon the centre-half and left-half berths, and it may be found necessary to convert forwards into halves.

Sappers have arranged to play Club on Saturday next on the Club ground.

PATERSON WINS IN 9TH ROUND

Jackie Paterson, the British and Empire fly-weight champion, scored another success when he beat Jimmy Lyden, Bootle, at Belle Vue, Manchester, writes Norman Hurst.

The referee stopped the contest in the ninth round when Lyden suffered a cut above the left eye following a terrific hook from the champion.

The packed house was always for Lyden on account of his game showing, but cold reckoning showed clearly that Paterson was always gathering points and demonstrating that he could punch from any angle.

Jimmy Gill, Nottingham, beat Tommy Farricker, Salford, on points. The verdict had a mixed reception, but Gill, who was put down in the sixth round won by reason of his better work at close quarters and quicker boxing at long range.

5 JOCKEYS HURT IN RACE CRASH

FIVE well-known jockeys were hurt though none very seriously, when six horses crashed in the Coventry Plate at Worcester in one of the most remarkable accidents I have seen on a racecourse, writes Glmerack.

Several of the fallen horses were much fancied and two other animals had their chances destroyed in the melee.

The trouble occurred three-quarters of a mile from home when Mrs. Winter's Fair Allied, with Tommy Barber riding, slipped up.

"I was up near the leaders," said Barber to me, "when my mount slipped and fell. Several others came down on top of me, and Douglas Smith himself crashed into me. I was only shaken but had a lucky escape."

The horses which fell with Fair Allied were the heavily-backed Lecco, Melina, Eighteen, Carat, Proud Nab, and King's Jubilee. The horses who were interfered with were Tai-Yat and Cranleigh Lady.

Michael Barry, rider of Proud Nab, was the only jockey to come back unscathed. Douglas Smith, Lecco's jockey, was shaken, and so was Tommy Barber.

Young Billy Stott, son of the late crack steeplechase jockey, was carried back with an injured thigh as a result of King Jubilee's fall. C. Macdonald was also carried back slightly injured as a result of Eighteen's tumble, and C. Hollingworth had a severely injured wrist in consequence of Bilco's fall. Archie Burns, rider of Tai-Yat, had the most exciting experience of the job.

RICHARDSON 91 NOT OUT THEN 76!

A fine innings of 76 by Cecil Richardson, the A.I.F. cricketer, was a feature of a cricket match at Seremban on August 18, when a team from a section of the Royal Australian Army Service Corps drew with the N. S. Wanderers.

Richardson, who skippered the A.S.C. team, batted patiently after he had bowled 14 overs earlier in the day for 3 for 90. Richardson scored 91 not out for the Malayan A.I.F. side against Singapore in a recent game.

Richardson had the most exciting experience of the job.

"I had the shock of my life when I saw three or four horses fall in front of me," he said. "I gave Tai-Yat his head, and he took a flying leap over the medley of bodies and legs and actually hit one horse that was on the ground."

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PAWLOSKI'S 11 STRIKE-OUTS WIN SERIES

By "Grandstand"

HIGH-LIGHTED BY LOU PAWLOSKI'S MASTERFUL PITCHING IN THE WEEK-END DOUBLE-HEADER, U. S. NAVY TRIUMPHED OVER HONG KONG ALL-STARS LAST SUNDAY IN A FIERY 5-4 NOSE-OUT AS A FITTING CLIMAX TO A TORRID SEASON. THEY THUS WON THE ANNUAL FIVE-GAME CHARITY SERIES FOR THE SECOND TIME IN SUCCESSION, AFTER HAVING SHADED "ALL STARS" THE PREVIOUS DAY WITH A HARD-FOUGHT 11TH INNING VICTORY.

Mound maestro Lou Pawloski's flipper was in great form as he tossed his second victory of the week-end, whiffing four and walking only two, whilst Wally Ching, who toed the rubber for the losers, struck-out two and passed two.

All-Stars drew first blood in the ding-dong scuffle with a single marker in the initial canto, but the blue-jackets came right back in the third, and grabbed the lead with a couple of unearned tallies. Hong Kong knotted the count in the fifth, but the sailors again produced the tie-breaker in their half of the chapter. In the sixth the All-Stars put on full steam in a do-or-die attempt and netted two counters as Babe Chinn and Dick Chung dented the rubber standing-up, on Bowersox's wild heave to first base.

Ruel's Winning Hit

Two successive miscues and a walk found Earl Wilson striding up to the platter with the bases crowded with sailors with none away in the sixth. Wilson popped out, whilst Lou Pawloski stood still on a groover, after his heavy bludgeon had fouled two pitches, to relieve the tension somewhat for hurler Ching. Henry Ruel then slammed a clothes-liner to left to chase in two of his mates for a Navy lead and eventual victory, as the blue-jackets dished out a brilliant brand of ball to smother a Hong Kong uprising in their last batting session.

Left gardener Dick Chung was the only one to connect for more than one safety in the fracas, both of his singles in his three batting attempts being stinging liners to left, whilst Hank Chan "Greasy" Moore and Henry "Crooner" Ruel were the only ones to produce extra-base knocks with a double apiece.

Action-Packed Game

Although both sides connected for nine safeties, Lou Pawloski's mariners came through with the long end of a 9-8 count at the end of an action-packed encounter, which went into four over-time frames, on Saturday.

Lou Pawloski's "eleven strike-out" performance will go down in the records as one of the most outstanding pitching performances of the season as he staged his comeback on the hill with his blazing tosses mixed with hooks and curves.

Besides whiffing 11, the Polack passed only two to first with his superb control, whilst Ernie Hearther, who started for the losers was derricked in the third after passing two.

Wally "Dimples" Ching, who worked for the remainder of the tussle fanned four, and issued free transportation to first to one sailor. Both Hearther and Ching were charged with one wild pitch each, whilst Al Lau, working behind the batter, allowed three passed balls.

Anybody's Match

For six eventful frames it was anybody's game, as the lead changed hands several times, with the tussle tying the count in the sixth. In the seventh both sides were unable to produce a tally, necessitating extra innings. In the eighth it seemed the All-Hong Kong side had the game sewed up in the old bat bag, when they chucked up three markers, but their defence cracked wide open when they took the field, with a couple of expensive miscues and a pair of costly passed balls for the sailors to draw level 7-7.

Excitement reached fever pitch as both sides worked unsuccessfully for a tally in the ninth and tenth, and the strain reached bursting point as the eleventh rolled around.

Dick Chung atoned for an earlier bungle with a rousing double to chase in Al Lau for a counter, but hopes of a triumph soon died

down as McKenzie scored from second on a play around the key-stone which back-fired on the All-Stars. After this the game was handed over to the sailors on a platter, as Pete Choy muffed Wilson's weak pop fly which had handles on it. It was definitely not Pete's day to be the hero of the hour, as he was just switched from the windy alley to the hot corner, a position which he had never held this season.

Dick Chung blasted out two doubles in five times at bat and Tony Mascavage and Nel Ma each poled out a two-bagger.

EX-HOLDERS TO CLASH TO-DAY

R. F. da Luz, champion in 1929, will meet A. E. Coates, 1936 title-holder, in the First Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship to-day.

A. Hyde-Lay, 1933 winner, will have a tough proposition in J. Shepherd, and R. Duncan, who won the title in 1935, will be up against another skip in J. G. Meyer.

Following is to-day's programme:

At Kowloon B.G.C.
F. Channing v R. S. Meadows
J. G. Meyer v R. Duncan
W. L. Walker v J. Sykes
At Kowloon C.C.
C. H. Basto v X. Abbas
R. F. da Luz v A. E. Coates
At Kowloon F.C.
A. Hyde-Lay v J. Shepherd
T. A. Madar v J. F. McGowan
At Civil Service C.C.
M. R. Abbas v C. Gowland
K. M. Omar v A. Lapsley
At Police R.C.
W. V. Field v S. M. Rumjahn
J. S. Landolt v H. Overy
At Hong Kong F.C.
W. Mair v C. S. Rosset
D. A. Rozaro v M. F. Alarcon
At Craggengower C.C.
A. Brooksbank v S. H. Marvin
E. G. Post v J. J. Basto

Recreio Cricket Prospects

By "Incog."

Club de Recreio will probably be without the services of Luigi Gosano, their left-handed opening batsman, for the earlier part of the approaching cricket season as this player is nursing a dislocated shoulder, sustained in a basketball match recently, and feels he does not want to risk aggravating the injury by further strain.

Over and above this, Eddie Gosano, who was their captain last season, is likewise resting a damaged shoulder which he acquired in the course of a recent softball game. He will be playing regularly, but it is doubtful whether he will be able to do much bowling.

Against this, however, news is to hand that Albert Rodrigues, who is still considered one of the soundest batsmen at this club, is speaking of playing in First Division again. It will be recalled that last season he preferred to play in Second Division as he was then not sure about being able to turn out regularly.

That, then, is the position with Recreio, who otherwise will have practically the whole of last season's players to call on. They have decided not to start nets practice until the end of the month.

As far as I have been able to ascertain, there will be no school-boy talent for Recreio this year, though Micky Remedios, the La Salle all-rounder who joined up last season, will still be playing, and there is every indication that the promise he has shown will be maintained.

I am rather surprised to see that Albert Prata, who was so keen on the game as a schoolboy, has lost practically all his keenness. It seems such a pity, for he was in addition to being a more-than-useful all-rounder, one of the few younger players to make a real study of the game, and showed promise of developing into a shrewd captain.

Efforts, I hear, are being made to get Dick Alves sufficiently interested in the game again to turn out regularly. It would be just the thing for Recreio juniors if he could be persuaded to captain the side. Another of the "old brigade," who would also help a great deal if he would play, is F. J. Remedios, but I am doubtful whether he will be able to get the necessary time to do so even if he were so inclined.

Other Sport Will Be Found on Page 13

GUEST ELIMINATES FORMER CHAMPION IN CONLONY BOWLS SINGLES

The Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship got under way yesterday when a batch of seven games were decided, the other seven which were scheduled to be played off having been postponed. There was a minor upset. A. E. P. Guest eliminating L. A. Gutierrez, former title holder, by 21-14, while it took J. C. Gill 27 ends to chalk up the necessary shots for a win over L. F. Xavier, whom he eventually beat 23-14, the 23rd end being a "dead" one.

A. J. Hall, Kowloon Bowling Green skip, took only 14 ends to beat H. J. Shields, scoring three "possibles" while others to return "fours" were Curtis, Aitken, Nish and McKelvie.

It is interesting to note that Hall scored only two singles in his game against Shields who scored at 6 ends, a comparison of the two cards being as follows:

Hall: 0 3 4 0 2 0 1 4 0 0 0 2 4 1-21
Shields: 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 3 2 0 0-9
Fincher was expected to put up a better game than he did against McKelvie, but could only notch five singles against McKelvie's card of 21. Here again a comparison between the cards is interesting and is as under:

McKelvie: 1 1 1 0 2 0 1 1 1 4 0 3 2 0 0 3 1-21
Fincher: 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0-5
Although Gill blanked Xavier for six ends in a row, it took him 27 ends to secure the required number of shots to win, though the 23rd was a "dead" one. Xavier was by no means discouraged and, after being led 13-3 at the 12th, had a run of 2 0 0 1 2 1 0 1 1 1 to trail 12-16 at the 22nd, but Gill then finished up well with 3 0 1 3.

Scores were:

Gill: 0 1 1 0 2 1 2 1 3 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 0-23
Xavier: 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 0 1 2 0 0-14

Finishes At 22nd

The game between Ward and Broadbridge went to 22 ends, although at the 12th Ward was leading 13-2, made possible by a run of 3 1 1 1 1 when he was leading 5-2 at the 6th. Trailing 6-10 at the 15th, Broadbridge scored 3 2 0 1 1 to force the game to the 22nd before Ward won by 22-11.

Ward: 0 1 1 2 0 1 3 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 2 0 1 0 0 2 2-22
Broadbridge: 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 2 3 0 1 0 0-11
Needing one shot to win at the 20th, Nish scored a three to beat Tang by 23-16. Nish was leading 13-9 at the 12th when Tang scored 1 1 1 2 2 to be 16-13 up, but Nish finished up with 1 3 3 3. Nish: 0 1 0 0 1 1 2 0 1 4 2 1 0 0 0 0 1 3 3-23
Tang: 3 0 3 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 1 1 2 2 0 0 0-16

Results At A Glance

Results of yesterday's matches were as follows:

At Kowloon F.C.
L. F. Xavier 14 J. C. Gill 23
J. C. Aitken 21 E. Curtis 14
At Kowloon B.G.C.
H. F. Shields 9 A. J. Hall 21
A. E. P. Guest 21 L. A. Gutierrez 14
At Civil Service C.C.
E. Kirmon v H. E. Strange
T. C. Monaghan v F. Nolan
At Craggengower C.C.
J. W. Harrop v A. H. Rumjahn
C. Downman v W. McLeod
At Club de Recreio
E. C. Fincher 6 J. McKelvie 21
R. Leach v W. Nash
At Kowloon C.C.
H. Nish 23 Y. H. Tang 16
A. Eastman v B. W. Bradbury
At Hong Kong F.C.
J. S. Riddell v A. M. Omar
W. Ward 22 R. T. Broadbridge 11
Postponed:

Other Cards

Other cards read:
Guest: 1 0 1 2 1 0 1 1 2 0 0 1 0 1
2 0 3 2 0 1 2-21
Gutierrez: 0 2 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 2 1 0 2 0
0 3 0 2 0 0-14

Shields: 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 3 2 0 0 0-9

Hall: 0 3 4 0 2 0 1 4 0 0 0 2 4 1-21

Curtis: 0 1 0 0 1 4 0 0 2 0 1 1 3 1 0 0 0
0 0 1 0-14
Aitken: 2 0 1 2 0 3 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 3 1 1
1 4 0 1-21

Clubs who took part in last season's competitions got £172 each from the Football League pool.

Danny Litwhiler has faced Larry French of Chicago Cubs six times this season. The Phillies' outfielder had been retired twice. Once he singled. The other three times he hit home runs.



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PACIFIC WAR ODDS

Mr. Duff-Cooper Smiles Off Query In Manila

FURTHER SINGAPORE AIR POWER

THE OFFENSIVE STRENGTH OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE IN THE FAR EAST HAS BEEN FURTHER REINFORCED. BY THE ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF THE LATEST TYPE OF LONG-NOSE BRISTOL AND BLENHEIM BOMBERS.

For some months it has been the policy to strengthen the R.A.F. in Malaya by aircraft from the United States, but in recent weeks, apart from the arrival of large numbers of officers and men, there arrived from British factories maintenance equipment together with complete aircraft.

This means that the R.A.F. in the Far East is now being fed in men and material from the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia and New Zealand. — Reuter.

CONTROL OF MOTOR CAR OUTPUT

The production of passenger motor-cars for sale in Canada in 1942 is to be curtailed to approximately 44% of that in 1940, according to an Order-in-Council announced in Ottawa yesterday by the Minister of Munitions, Mr. Howe.

Production in 1940 was approximately 9,500 cars. The Order reserves to Government the right to restrict or entirely prohibit motor-car production. — Reuter.

Japan More Careful In Her Moves

MR. A. DUFF-COOPER, in an interview with Reuter in Manila, said that his mission was to inquire whether it was desirable to establish in the Far East a set-up similar to that in Cairo, under which a War Cabinet official, diplomat or "glorified High Commissioner" was assigned to the Far East to co-ordinate the British war effort.

For that reason the survey includes Malaya and Australia, and if a set-up is established, headquarters will be at Singapore.

Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper said his itinerary included Singapore, Burma, the Netherlands East Indies, Australia and possibly Hong Kong. He will not visit China and will return to London from Australia.

Mr. Duff-Cooper said that Japan was, at present, more careful about taking the next step, having been impressed by the action taken by Britain and the United States following the occupation of Indo-China, and the fact that Britain is taking a serious view of Indo-China in regard to the move to Thailand, which is further evidence of Japan's aggressive intentions.

He went on to say that the best time for Japan to move was a year ago, since Britain's position had become stronger in the past year, and, added that the

Roosevelt-Churchill declaration applied as much to the Far East as to the western world.

He smiled off the question as to what odds he would give against war in the Far East.

Mr. Duff-Cooper will be leaving Manila this morning for Singapore by Clipper. — Reuter.

INDIAN TROOPS' TRUST

Practically all R.A.F. aerodromes in Malaya are guarded by detachments of the Indian Expeditionary Force.

Some units defending the aerodromes belong to the Indian Army, while others are infantry battalions raised in Indian States and placed at the disposal of His Majesty by their Rulers.

All the men know the markings of United States, German, Italian, Thai, Japanese and Dutch aircraft. They have been given instructions in regard to dealing with dive bombers, parachutists, etc., and the experience gained in Norway, Greece and Crete is being incorporated.

Recently, a realistic demonstration showed simply the thoroughness and far-sightedness with which the preparations are being made in this regard. — Reuter.

BERLIN'S HEAVIEST RAID

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Defences Ready

The defences of Berlin were ready for the attack and the crews knew what to expect. Cones of searchlights swept the skies and pursued the invading bombers. Anti-aircraft fire was incessant and only stopped to let the night fighters approach.

"WE WERE CLAMPED IN A LARGE CONE OF SEARCHLIGHTS," SAID ONE GUNNER. "AND JERRY WAS PUMPING UP FLAK AS HARD AS HE COULD GO. ALL OF A SUD-DEN THE FLAK STOPPED AND I SAW A ME110 COMING UP ON OUR STARBOARD QUARTER."

"I gave it a burst and saw my tracer enter its starboard engine. The Messerschmitt caught fire and crashed down. It passed us so close that I thought it was going to hit us." — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow, who is now in the Leningrad area, reports that fighting is extremely heavy but that it is certain that the Germans have not anywhere like encircled Leningrad.

They have approached fairly close only from the South-west, but not close enough for the practical large-scale shelling of which they boast.

The preservation of Leningrad is vital to the Russians for moral, industrial and naval reasons and following their classical principle of "army first," the Russians would abandon Leningrad only if the withdrawal of the army from it was essential to the successful continuation of the war.

There is every indication that Leningrad is preparing for a long and arduous resistance and this is perfectly feasible. — Reuter.

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BERLIN GETS BAD SHAKE-UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was a year to the day since the start of blitz raids on London that hundreds of British bombers subjected Berlin to the war's heaviest aerial bombardment.

Neutral correspondents in Berlin state that it is admitted in the German capital that the R.A.F. after penetrating Berlin's defences, struck the heaviest blow yet.

YESTERDAY MORNING THERE WAS TREMENDOUS ACTIVITY IN THE BATTERED AREAS, WITH RESCUE SQUADS DIGGING OUT VICTIMS FROM THE WRECKAGE, AND 27 GREAT FIRES WERE STILL BURNING.

The streets in the centre of the city round the railway station were pitted with craters.

The German press devotes columns to stress the exemplary discipline of the Berlin populace under the mass of bombs, and brands the raid as "particularly detestable," while promising very heavy retaliation very soon.—International News Service.

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Refugee Ship Offer

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Negotiations for the repatriation of American nationals from Japan have reached an advanced stage.

The State Department indicated that progress had been achieved on Japanese initiative suggesting that a thousand may wish to return and that they may sail in a Japanese ship, providing that about 300 Japanese wishing to return from the United States are taken on the return trip.

The Japanese have also suggested the possibility of weekly sailings between Japanese and American ports handling mail and passengers. The negotiations have been carried on apart from the "exploratory talks."—International News Service.

LAVAL IMPROVES

M. Laval, whose condition is rapidly improving, was yesterday questioned in hospital by the Versailles examining magistrate who took depositions by M. Laval and M. Deat on the shooting affair.—Router.

Taking German Army In Flank

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

RELIABLE SOURCES INDICATE THAT THE GERMANS HAVE VASTLY OVER-STATE THE EXTENT OF THEIR PROGRESS IN THE ATTEMPT TO INVEST LENINGRAD, AND THAT A TERRIFIC BATTLE IS RAGING SOME CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM THE MAIN DEFENCES.

NOT YET OUT OF DANGER

Mr. J. G. Campbell, P.W.D. Chartered Civil Engineer, suffering from narcotic poisoning in the Kowloon Hospital, is still not out of danger, it was indicated to the "China Mail" this afternoon.

"He is progressing nicely and it is hoped that he will be out of danger soon," said Dr. K. H. Utley, Medical Officer of the Kowloon Hospital.

COLONY WAR GAMES

Termination of the military exercises, described officially as the longest and most detailed yet held in Hong Kong, is expected to-morrow.

In an official communique issued at noon, Command H.Q. gives details of the operations as follows:

On the night of September 7-8, unsuccessful attempts were made by the "enemy" to land. During September 9, certain roads were assumed to be cratered for the purposes of the exercise.

Detours were arranged at once and repairs put in hand by the Royal Engineers and P.W.D.

During the day, mock seditious pamphlets of a humorous type were left in areas where they were likely to be found by the troops. All pamphlets so distributed were found and reported to Fortress Headquarters.

Several persons, both British and Chinese, who had been employed by Headquarters in distributing these pamphlets were either caught in the act or traced

Meanwhile, according to the Stockholm correspondent of the "Daily Mail," a smashing Soviet victory near Smolensk has been followed by the launching of another massive counter-attack farther to the north.

Marshal Timoshenko, commander of the Army of the Centre, has begun this operation which is driving north-west from the Smolensk area, and is designed to take the Nazi army in the Novgorod area on the flank.

The scale of this thrust is described as "terrific" and the aim is to relieve pressure upon Marshal Voroshilov in the Leningrad area, which is now being subjected to the concentrated weight of the Luftwaffe.

Odessa Siege

All German attempts to penetrate the defences of Odessa have been shattered, says Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

The High Command says that further guerrilla raids by Cossack horsemen are spreading chaos behind the German lines. One German battalion was routed after a pitched battle, leaving a German general and 1,200 dead.

"The Germans advancing on Leningrad are nowhere near the south-western approaches," says the High Command, which denies that the city is isolated, though the railways are subject to air attack and are put out of action temporarily from time to time.—International News Service.

Soviet Breaks Long Silence

The Soviet High Command in their midnight communique, broke their long silence regarding

and were arrested, being released as soon as they had established their identity.

During the early morning of September 9, enemy landing parties gained a footing on the island. Heavy losses were sustained by the enemy and those troops which had succeeded in landing were isolated and unable to penetrate more than a few hundred yards inland.

A counter attack was launched at once and the situation completely restored, all enemy who had succeeded in landing being killed or captured.

The exercises are the longest and most detailed yet held in Hong Kong. They have been most successful and will probably end sometime on September 10.

place names in order to announce a smashing victory in the Smolensk sector and the recapture of the railway town of Yelnya.

The following is the full text of the communique which gives no clue to the situation round Leningrad:

"During September 8 (Monday) our troops fought against the enemy along the whole front."

"In the Smolensk direction, fighting for the town of Yelnya, near Smolensk, which lasted for

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JAPAN TO LEAVE AXIS?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington quarters are predicting the announcement by Japan of a major decision on international policy which will transform the Pacific situation.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE MADE THIS WEEK AND THE PROPHECY IS THAT JAPAN WILL BREAK AWAY FROM HER AXIS ALLIANCE.

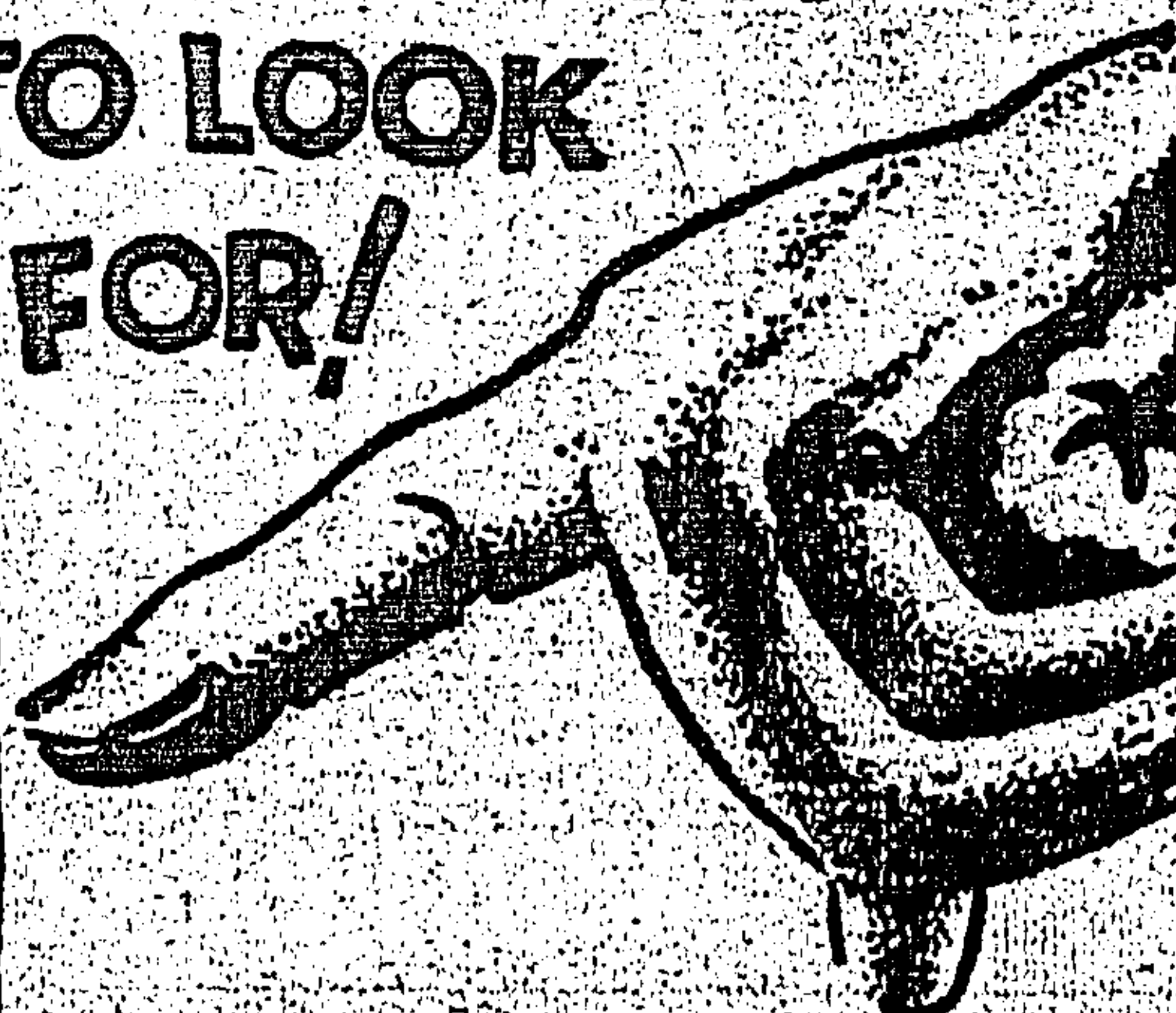
Her adherence to the Axis is reported to be at stake in important political closed-door discussions in Tokyo and mounting indications from private and diplomatic reports are that the Japanese, despite the bellicose military clique, are veering from the Axis in favour of rapprochement with Britain and the United States.

"PRINCE KONOYE IS EXPECTED TO PRONOUNCE A PRO-UNITED STATES ATTITUDE AFTER AN AUDIENCE WITH HIS IMPERIAL JAPANESE MAJESTY ON WEDNESDAY"—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

SPITTING FINE

For spitting in the street in Yau-mati yesterday, Wo Shiu, 33, was fined \$1 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

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Another Italian Convoy Caught In Mediterranean

Torpedo 'Planes Go Into Action

THE ENEMY CONVOY mentioned in the Middle East R.A.F. communique was attacked early on Sunday morning in the narrow gap between Pantellaria and Sicily; says the Air Ministry News Service.

The 6,000-ton vessel was left listing, heavily and sinking, with a destroyer standing by, while other destroyers slowly shepherded the remaining two ships, one being, a badly damaged 6,000-ton tanker.

The attack which caused great confusion was led by the Lieutenant who torpedoed a destroyer off Tripoli a few nights ago and also took part in a recent attack on a convoy off Cape Spartivento.

About the same time, other Fleet Air Arm aircraft crews were completing a brisk night's work.

After starting for Sicily, a machine developed engine trouble so the crew unloaded its bombs on Comiso and returned to its base, stepped into another machine and returned to Sicily where they dive-bombed and machine-gunned three enemy aircraft.

They repeated the performance at Gerbino where they also dropped bombs and started fires before flying home to bed.—Reuter.

Listing Heavily

The successful attack above referred to on a convoy in the Mediterranean is mentioned in the Middle East Royal Air Force communique issued yesterday, which states:—

"Mediterranean: Aircraft from the Fleet Air Arm made a successful attack on a convoy of three medium-sized merchant vessels, protected by three destroyers, in the Mediterranean on Saturday night.

"One merchant ship was hit three times, causing violent explosions and much black smoke. The vessel was compelled to stop, listing heavily to port. A tanker, hit with two torpedoes, was severely damaged."

Benghazi Raid

"Libya: On the same night a heavy raid by R.A.F. bombers on Benghazi resulted in a number of direct hits on military stores and buildings. The Fleet Air Arm made a series of attacks on the landing grounds at El Timimi, El Gazala, Martuba and El Adem.

"Five enemy aircraft were destroyed at El Gazala and another at Martuba. Considerable damage was caused to a number of others. Fires were caused at El Adem and damage to the majority of these aerodromes. Enemy gun positions east of Tobruk defences came in for a severe bombardment from aircraft of the South African Air Force.

"Sicily: On Saturday night Fleet Air Arm aircraft attacked Comiso aerodrome and raided Caltani and Gerbino aerodromes. Enemy aircraft on the ground were bombed and machine-gunned."—Reuter.

Diamond Formation

A young Sub-Lieutenant, describing the scene said: "The weather was not quite so good as on our last outing. Some low haze narrowed down the moon's path so that we could only see one ship at a time. But we spotted the convoy all right, with

destroyers in diamond formation around it. We flew in through the gap between two destroyers. Another aircraft picked out the first ship in line and I took the second, a six-thousand-tonner.

"Dropping my torpedo from close in I pulled away just in time to miss hitting the ship myself. I could see the splash where the torpedo hit the water and the wake going towards the ship. There was a terrific thud and from the port side we saw the torpedo hit the vessel amidships. There was the violent explosion and she started listing heavily and pouring out black smoke.

Low Barrage

"Meanwhile the destroyers were circling, frantically trying to cover their charges with a smoke screen. The one ahead swung to starboard and the one to port side followed the leader round, firing a low barrage at us as it went. None of us was hit but the confusion was such that shells from one destroyer were seen bursting on the deck of the other which, in turn was firing back dropping shells just short of the other ship. The last vessel in the convoy opened up on us with a couple of light flak guns aft, but we were climbing out of range and as we went we could see the leading ship in the convoy sneaking away on its own out of the smoke screen." — British Wireless.

BLACK MARKET CLOSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Shanghai's black market for foreign exchange went out of existence yesterday when fourteen banks, licensed under the freezing regulations for exchange dealings, discontinued quoting black market rates.

The banks have now agreed to quote only the Stabilisation Board's fixed rate of 5 5/16ths U.S. dollar cents per Chinese dollar, approximately NC\$18.82 for US\$1.

The Stabilisation Fund is to release exchange at the fixed rate for a large number of legitimate business transactions. Previously the fund released exchange only for limited business deals.

The list of goods, includes the majority of commodities, including petrol, motor cars and parts, and other important articles providing ample means to sustain local trading activity. The action is seen as a valuable means of stabilising the Chinese dollar and keeping commodity prices at a steadier level. Speculation in foreign exchange has now been rendered impossible. — International News Service.

ITALIAN CLAIM RIDICULED

Further light on the achievements of the Imperial Forces in the East African campaign is shed by Lt. General Cunningham, who commanded them.

The outstanding fact was the lightning advance on Addis Ababa — 1,360 miles in 50 days. Five years ago, the Italians took seven months to cover 425 miles with only Abyssinian tribesmen to oppose them.

The General ridiculed the Italian claim that large British forces had been tied up in Abyssinia.

"In March, we offered to send the South African units to the Mediterranean front. British forces throughout the campaign were never large.

"In the Battle of the Lakes, three British brigades with 40 guns engaged 40,000 Italians with 200 guns.

"The riskiest moment was when 30,000 Italians were threatening the Addis-Ababa-Jibouti Railway and this lifeline was defended by only two British battalions."

In rating the morale of the Italian Army, General Cunningham put the Eritreans highest, then the Somalis and last the Blackshirts, though he paid tribute to the Duke of Aosta.

"He had an intense desire to fight clean but in practice it was not always carried out." — British Wireless.

SOUTH AFRICAN HEROISM

How a South African air-gunner saved his comrade's life was told by the Air Ministry yesterday.

Sergt. Francois Joubert was one of two gunners in a Maryland bomber which was attacked and set on fire by Nazi fighters.

During this attack, his fellow-gunner was badly wounded. Flames spread rapidly through the machine and eventually the order was given to abandon the aircraft.

With great courage, Joubert went to the assistance of the helpless wounded gunner.

Helping him from the turret to the escape hatch, he was again in difficulty when the wounded man's parachute harness became tangled on the mechanism of a gun but he solved this by dropping both the gun and wounded man through the hatch.

As he did so, his own ripcord caught in a gun and his parachute immediately opened inside the aircraft.

Grasping the folds of the parachute in his arms, Joubert jumped safely, but it was a long while before the parachute opened out and even then it was found to have a number of holes burned in it from the fire inside the aircraft. Joubert has been awarded the D.F.M.—British Wireless.

Wrong Department

It was inadvertently stated in the "China Mail" yesterday, in the case in which a merchant is charged with the alleged offer of a bribe, that Mr. Humphrey John Crutwell is Assistant Controller of Food. Mr. Crutwell, in fact, is Assistant Controller of Trade. We regret the error.

IRANIANS STALLING?

It is believed that the Iran Cabinet is still considering the Anglo-Russian Note.

Although a short routine session of Parliament was held in Teheran yesterday only secondary matters were considered. Another meeting is expected will be held to-day. — Reuter.

INTRUDER AND A HOUSE-DOG

AN INCIDENT IN WHICH CAPT. R. D. SCRIVEN, I.M.S., WAS KICKED BY A WOULD-BE THIEF AT NO. 177, BOUNDARY STREET, FIRST FLOOR, EARLY LAST TUESDAY MORNING, WAS RELATED BEFORE MAJOR A. N. MACFADYEN AT KOWLOON TO-DAY WHEN CHAN FAI, 39, WAS CHARGED.

Capt. Scriven was awakened by the dog barking inside his room at 4 a.m. last Tuesday when he was sleeping on the verandah. He heard a struggle between his dog and a man and then saw accused climb to the verandah through the window. The captain caught hold of accused, who kicked at him and broke off, jumping into the street.

Capt. Scriven ran down the street, tackling accused, and finally arrested him.

Accused was fined \$35, or two months' hard labour, and a further six weeks.

GUNNYBAGS IN CABINS

FOUR CHINESE EACH WERE FINED \$500 OR THREE MONTHS' HARD LABOUR BY MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING, FOR EXPORTING UNMANIFESTED CARGO ON BOARD THE S.S. FOOK ON FOR MACAO YESTERDAY.

Choi Yuen, Leung Kwan, Yuen Wan and Tong Wong were alleged to have placed gunny bags on board the steamer.

According to Detective Sergeant J. Johnston, of the Special Branch, the gunny bags were arranged under the mattresses of beds in the first class cabins.

Mr. Lowry warned that in future case he would impose the maximum fine.

A fine of \$250, or two months was imposed on Chan Sze for exporting three bales of leather, while Chan Siu-ye, was fined \$200 or two months for exporting three bags of nails.

CASE AGAIN ADJOURNED

Lance-Sergeant James Cairns, attached to the Upper Levels Police Station, was again remanded by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, when he was charged with misconduct.

It is understood that Mr. M. A. da Silva will appear for the defence, and Detective-Inspector J. O'Donovan for the prosecution. Accused is on bail of \$50.

HARDENING COURSE FOR OFFICERS

IN STEEL HELMETS AND BATTLE-DRUMS WITH RIFLES SLUNG, BOOTS ROUND NECKS, A DOZEN OFFICERS OF MIDLAND A.A. DIVISION SWAM SIXTY YARDS DURING AN INTENSIVE HARDENING-UP COURSE WHICH THEY ARE NOW UNDERGOING.

A physical training officer showed them how to swim with rifle and boots slung, how experienced and strong swimmers can help along colleagues not so experienced in the water and how officers' full kit can be propelled though wrapped in a ground sheet and anti-gas capes.

The hardening course was officially for officers under forty but several over that age took part.

The hardening course includes route marches in respirators, rope climbing in full equipment, bomb-throwing, complicated obstacle racing, tug-of-war and unarmed combat, apart from normal daily physical training. — British Wireless.

FIRST STORK SATCHELS

The first "Stork Satchel"—a specially designed medical kit to aid in emergency baby deliveries—has arrived in England from the U.S.

After hearing how so many mothers have given birth to babies in shelters and other strange places during the blitz, women volunteers in the American Red Cross got busy making portable "hospitals" for us. They call them "Stork Satchels" and they are made in three sections.

The first consists of an operating gown, operating cap, leggings, masks, rubber gloves, sheets, hand towels and hospital bed shirt.

The second is a layette. This includes everything for a newly-born baby from tiny embroidered dresses to a packet of safety pins.

The third contains comforts and necessities for the mother.

TRAIN 'SUNK' BY WARSHIP

A fight between a Russian warship and a German armoured train was described by Moscow radio.

The announcer said that the train broke through to a railway station near the coast and opened heavy fire on Soviet positions.

A Soviet warship in the vicinity was ordered by radio to attempt to destroy the train.

The warship raced to the coast and opened fire. After the third salvo the train crashed into a ravine. A few more salvos and the train was a smoking ruin.

BREAKS GAOL, IS FREE A DAY

After escaping from Wandsworth Prison early in the day, Albert William Cloude, 33, an electrical engineer, was recaptured the same night.

Cloude was in prison clothes when he got away and a police cordon was immediately thrown around the gaol. Wireless cars took part in the hunt.

Cloude was to have appeared at Kingston on a charge of burglary.

GREER AFFAIR DEVELOPING

More Of An Incident Now Than Originally

German Attitude Regarded As Provocative

CALLING THE German statement about the "Greer" incident "provocative," the independent Democrat newspaper "Baltimore Sun" expressed the general opinion yesterday in Washington when it said that the German handling of the affair made it more of an incident that it was originally.

"If German propaganda is deliberately trying to strengthen President Roosevelt's position," it adds, "they could not have done better than by directly appealing to those who oppose his foreign policy, for if the Isolationists wish to make argument of the 'Greer' incident they must now take their cue from Berlin."

The newspaper stresses that what America is doing in Iceland is not being done for Britain but because it is essential for American security.

It disposes of the isolationist complaints that America in the Atlantic is "carrying the chip on her shoulder" by saying: "It is more accurate and pertinent to observe that we are determined to hew to line, let the chips fall where they may."

The German attack on the veracity of the American Navy touched many Americans on the sore spot causing considerable indignation and anger.

Violent Abuse

Violent abuse of President Roosevelt marks the comment in yesterday's Berlin newspapers on the encounter between the United States destroyer, "Greer," and a German U-boat.

Typical comments are: "President Roosevelt creates an incident," "Fraudulent depth charges," "Provocation heightened by lies," and "Roosevelt's fraudulent manoeuvre."

"Clever Trick"

The "Boersen Zeitung" writes: "At all costs, Washington is endeavouring to keep active Roosevelt's deliberate lie, the motive being, as voiced by circles close to him, that the American people can only be driven into war by a series of incidents."

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" says: "The attack of the American destroyer, Greer, on a German U-boat is the intentional result of a particularly clever trick with which the President thought he could deceive the American people."

Japanese Comment

The encounter between a German submarine and a United States destroyer, "puts German-American relations on a new plane," declared the "Japan Times and Advertiser," official organ of the Japanese Foreign Office, yesterday in Tokyo.

"From now on, it will be understood that whenever they meet at sea, in Germany's blockade zone, there will be a battle," the paper adds. The "Asahi Shimbun" predicts that similar incidents will occur in the future, and will ultimately bring about a state of war between Germany and the United States.

If America continues to ignore the blockade zones established by Italy and Germany, war between Italy, Germany and the United States is unavoidable.

Japan's Attitude

The "Kokumin Shinbun" declares that no matter what now

developments the incident brings about, Japan "adhering to her autonomy will further her efforts towards world peace." The paper adds whether obligations under the Tripartite Pact are involved through the incident depends on the careful examination of future developments. — Reuter.

BRITISH FOOD STOCKS

Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, speaking in Edinburgh yesterday, said: "As we enter the third year of war, stocks of food are better than they were 12 months ago, despite the heavy calls we have made on our shipping resources for war purposes during that period."

At the end of the second year of the war, bread, which was more dependent on shipping than any other food, is now available in plenty. We are now the only nation in Europe eating more bread than before the war. — Reuter.

British Restaurants

Discussing rationing, Lord Woolton said that any wider extension of rationing, and control would require elaborate machinery, but it was by no means obvious that extra labour should be used in attempting to secure absolute perfection in fair distribution of secondary foods.

Extension of canteens and "British Restaurants" for all industrial workers and coal miners was urgent, and the Ministry of Food was ready to supply food for these canteens, as soon as they were established.

Another most important duty was to preserve the health and vitality of children. The Ministry had already arranged milk supplies at low cost for nursing mothers and young children who would receive priority with adolescents during the winter.

These arrangements could not have been made without assistance from the U.S.A. Lease-Lend promises, concluded Lord Woolton, "I have been able to promise children that their milk shall not fail. They have been born and bred in trial and adversity but they will be as brave as their fathers and mothers. It is for us to persevere in sacrifice for the children and I believe the people of the U.S.A. will derive pride and satisfaction from sharing in securing that the future generation of Britons shall be no less strong and vital than their fathers and mothers have been." — British Wireless.

BRITISH NOTE TO IRAN

It is learned in London that the reply of the Iranian Government to the latest British Note is expected at any moment.

This second communication from the British Government is understood to deal with Germans and other Axis nationals in Iran, and it is thought the Note demands their expulsion or internment.

The Note, it is understood, also deals with the future of the German Legation in Teheran. The second Note, which is supplementary to the one sent earlier in the week, was dispatched last Friday, and a reply is expected in the course of the next 24 hours. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S INTEREST IN PACIFIC

Australia is most interested in China taking her place as a power in the Pacific.

"My appointment has a very great significance as a gesture of the sympathy of the Government and people of Australia towards the Chinese people and its leader," said Sir Frederick Eggleston, first Australian Minister to China, in an interview at Singapore.

Before leaving for Chungking, Sir Frederick will meet Singapore's Chinese leaders, and his first job in Chungking will be to contact officials of the Chinese Government, and to extend the good relationships between the two peoples already existing.

He hoped that his stay in Chungking will result in a big increase in trade between the two countries, and when the time came to begin reconstruction of China, Australia will certainly be very willing to assist.

From an economically reconstructed China, Australia stood to benefit like other Pacific powers. He concluded that "Australia's policy is to keep closely in step with the British policy in every way." — Reuter.

FIRST-AID CHILDREN

FIRST-AID IS NOW TAUGHT TO NEARLY EVERY BOY AND GIRL BEFORE THEY LEAVE SCHOOL AND ALREADY THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES WHERE CHILDREN HAVE GIVEN RESPONSIBLE AND EFFECTIVE HELP IN ACCIDENTS.

In September last, the Board of Education drew the attention of all local education authorities to the importance of first-aid. Many had already arranged courses for teachers when the war began, and few schools are now without a qualified teacher.

Lessons are often given by doctors, nurses, captains of the local ambulance corps, and special constables. In many cases the courses have been drawn up by the Ministry of Health.

JAPANESE LEAVING INDIA

Sixty-two Japanese residents of India sailed from Bombay for Japan by the s.s. Hakone Maru yesterday, the Raj having permitted them to depart. The ship also carried 285,000 bales of cotton. — Reuter.

Japan & Greer Incident

The possibility of any application being made to Japan to implement the Tripartite Pact is minimised in yesterday's Japanese Press comment on the Greer incident.

The newspapers which tend to favour Germany foresee an inevitable frontal clash between Germany and the United States.

Colonel Hayao Mabuchi, Imperial Headquarters Press-Chief, in a magazine article, condemns the prevalence of disturbing rumours.

HE UPHOLDS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF SECRETIVENESS AND URGES THE PEOPLE TO DEVELOP A HOSTILE FEELING FOR ENEMY COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE PENDING CRISIS. — REUTER.

SPY TRIAL SURPRISE

Germany has had the secret of the Norden bomb-sight since 1938, according to the United States Attorney, Mr. Harold Kennedy, who opened the prosecution of 16 alleged spies in the Federal Court.

Unfolding the ramifications of the alleged spy ring which he said covered the entire Western Hemisphere, Mr. Kennedy declared that one of the defendants, Hermann Lang, who was employed as the final inspector of the bomb-sight, took the details to Germany in 1938.

Seventeen other defendants have pleaded guilty and now await sentence at the conclusion of this trial which is expected to last three weeks. — Reuter.

FREE LIFTS GO TO W.A.A.F.S.

Airmen in the north-west who depend on free lifts to get to a seaside resort within easy reach of their camp are being crowded out of cars by girls of the A.T.S. and the W.A.A.F.

But the men are, in the main, taking it in good part even though the "opposition" stops many of them from having their usual afternoon and evening trips at the week-end.

Women drivers, however, show their resentment at the intrusion of the girls on the men's "racket" by giving preference to the airmen.

EXTENSION OF CALL-UP STILL NOT DECIDED

THE QUESTION OF EXTENSION OF THE PRESENT LIMITS OF CALL-UP OF MEN FOR ARMED FORCES HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE CABINET.

The possibility of such extension to meet the growing needs of the armed forces has not been lost sight of and the whole position is constantly under review, writes Reuter's Lobby correspondent.

The most urgent need of the moment is for people who can act in a supervisory capacity in the servicing of aeroplanes, and in consequence more people are being taken out of industry to meet the need.

At present, this action only affects the air force following the recent report of the Beveridge Committee on the subject. The Committee are now examining the needs of both army and navy for skilled men. The position of the trainees from India has also been under consideration.

As far as shipping circumstances permit, there will be more trainees from India in this country, and the training time may be extended.

Conflicting Needs

The question which Government has to face to-day is that of supplying both the needs of industry and the armed forces. There is the problem, too, of dividing specific pieces of work into very small parts so as to

SIRENS TO BE TESTED

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announces that all air raid sirens in Hong Kong and Kowloon will be tested simultaneously some time between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to-morrow, Wednesday.

The test will consist of a continuous blast of 1½ minutes duration.

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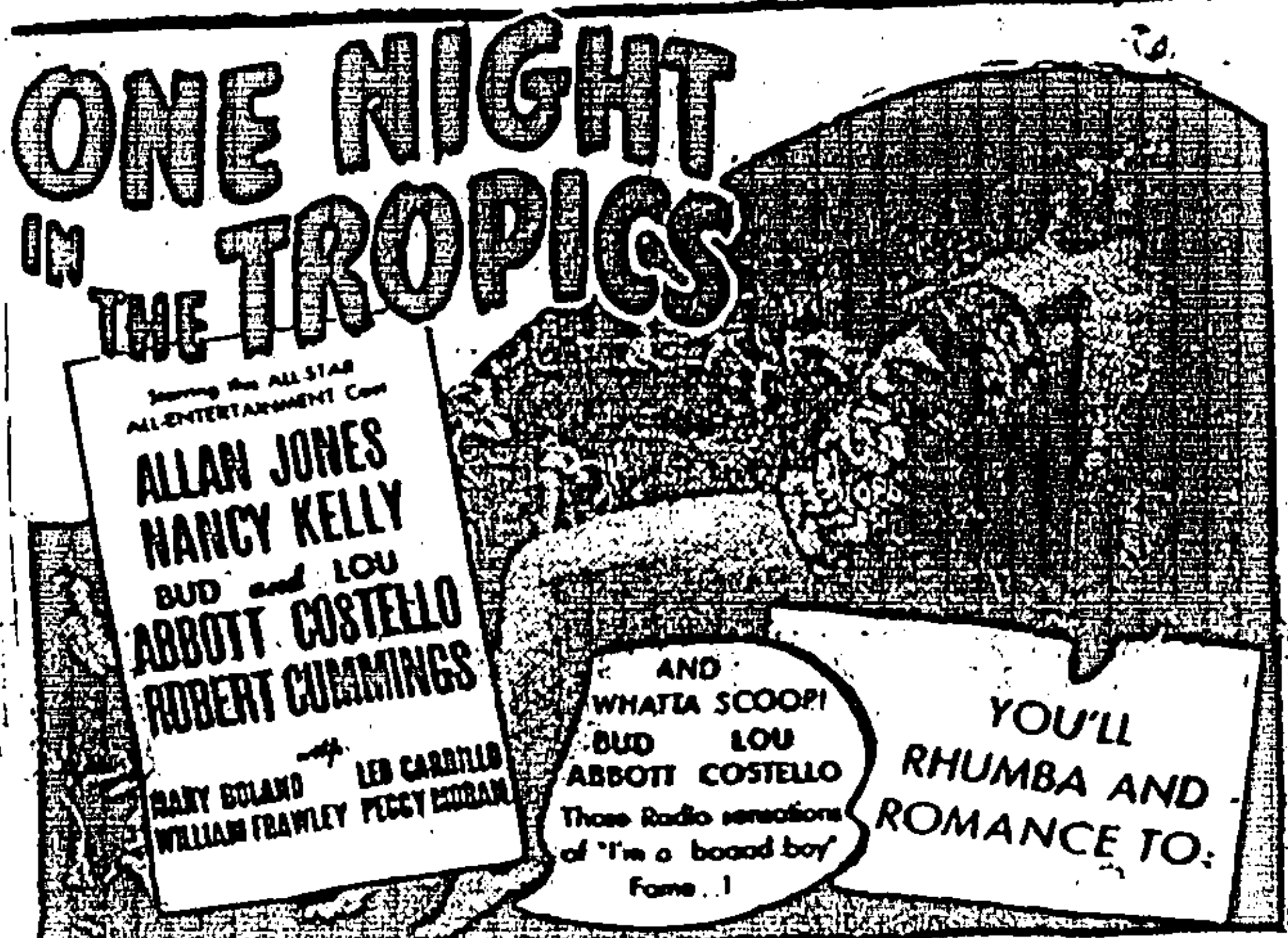
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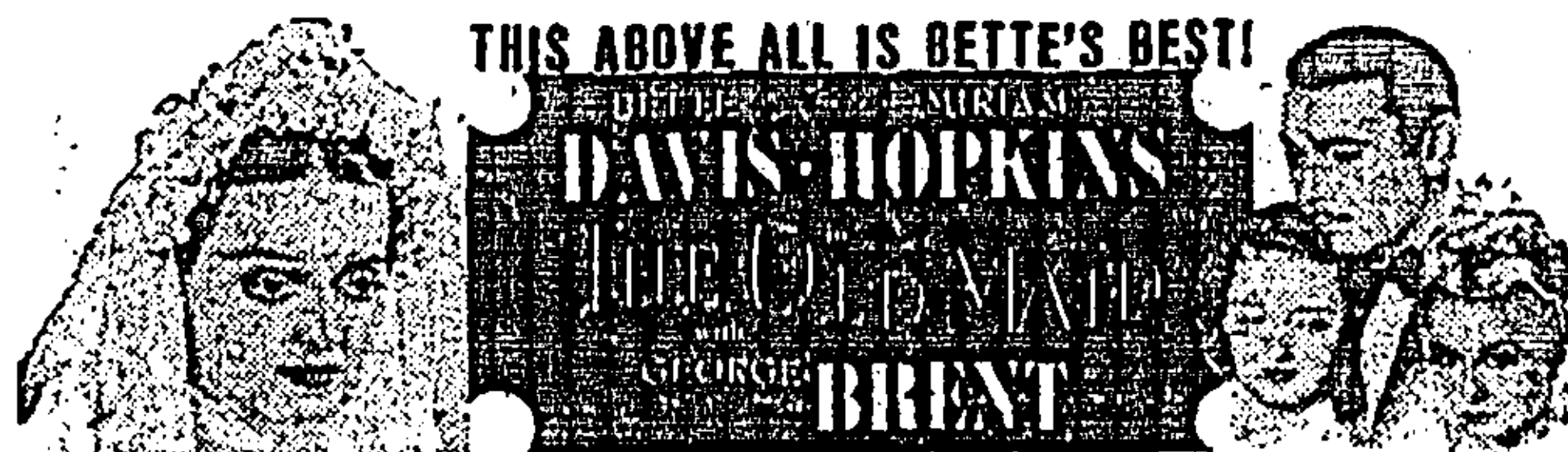
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FINNISH CLAIM TO HAVE REACHED SVIR

TWO IMPORTANT supply routes between the Soviet North and Western Russia appear, on the surface to be threatened by the Finnish advance to the River Svir between Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega, which is claimed by the German and Finnish Commands.

The exact point at which the Finns have reached the river is not given, nor is the strength of their hold clear, but if the report is true, the advance is of some importance, writes "Annalist."

The Stalin Canal, main water-way link between the White Sea and Western Russia follows the channel of the Svir between the Lakes. The railway south from Murmansk crosses the Svir.

It is evidently the hope of the Finns, besides severing these communications, which would be a blow to two ways into Russia of Allied supplies, to join up with the Germans to the east and south-east of Leningrad, where the Nazis have not yet arrived according to the latest information from Moscow.

Not even this junction, if and when made, would cut off all the Russians' northern ports from the interior. There is still Archangel, which has good railway running due south to Moscow 250 miles away from the nearest Germans.

Moscow Silent

Moscow has hitherto been silent on the Finns' reported advance, which appears on the surface to dispel doubts as to whether Marshal Mannerheim, in his recent Order of the Day, intended his troops to continue the offensive battle alongside their German "allies" after having reached in the Karelian Isthmus the former Soviet-Finnish frontier.

The Isthmus lies on the opposite side of Lake Ladoga to the River Svir. Above the Svir, other Finnish forces began an offensive four days ago, it now appears, against Petrozovodsk, and it seems to have carried them with surprising speed in difficult forest country past that point to the Svir.

Petrozovodsk, which lies on the eastern bank of Lake Onega, has not been taken.

It is reasonable to suppose that if the Finns have in fact, reached the Svir, the Russians have withdrawn their lines between Lakes Onega and Ladoga — while obviously keeping guard over the Murmansk Railway and the Stalin Canal — parallel with their earlier withdrawal in the Karelian Isthmus. — Reuter.

SENATE ADJOURNS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE SENATE ADJOURNED YESTERDAY AS A MARK OF RESPECT ON THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S MOTHER. AFTER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THEIR REGRET AND CONDOLENCES.

The telegraph wires have been flooded with messages of sympathy.

The funeral takes place to-day. — International News Service.

Colour No Protection

The political colour of Russians in France no longer affords protection, for White as well as Red Russians are being rounded up by the French authorities at the behest of the Germans, according to a message received from Paris.

More and more Germans from occupied France are leaving Paris daily for Poland from where they are being sent to the Eastern Front. — Reuter.

DRIVE TO MAKE TANKS

Thirteen-ton green-turated tanks are coming off the final assembly line of the American Car and Foundry Company's plant at the rate of 10 per day.

They are now rapidly providing the sinews for the seven armoured divisions which the United States Army plans to have fully equipped within the year.

Two facts about tank production here are particularly interesting. They are being turned out by industrial plants which completed their first tank on May 1, 1940.

Secondly, these manufacturers, to avoid any bottle-neck in the deliveries of armoured plates, have built their own units and now produce approximately 1,000 tons of armour-plate per month.

Perhaps even more important is the steady and efficient manner in which several thousand workmen labour in half a dozen different buildings to keep the Berwick out-put up to capacity. Tanks which I saw at all stages of construction symbolise the adjustability of American industry.

PARSON NOT INNOCENT

Saying that the girl had fully justified her charges, the Lord Chief Justice dismissed with costs the action brought by the Rev. James Irwin Stoops, of The Manse, Maguire's Bridge, Co. Fermanagh, claiming damages for slander against his former servant for alleging he was the father of her twins.

Stoops's case was that Bella Jane Wilson, 28, of Kilmakirk, Co. Fermanagh, stated at a meeting of the Clodher Presbytery, which was investigating charges against him, that he was the father of the children born in July 1939.

As a result the Presbytery suspended him.

COMPULSORY SAVING PLAN FOR U.S.

Economists in Washington, at the wish of the Administration, are studying methods of curbing inflationary trends in the United States.

Among the plans now under study is one under which the Government would force wage-earners to save a portion of their weekly salaries, with the two-fold object of reducing inflation and furnishing workers with a substantial lump sum should they lose their jobs.

The details have been sent in draft to the Treasury and Federal Social Security experts and Congress may be asked to enact the necessary legislation.

Compulsory savings would be part of the social security programme to supplement the present system of unemployment insurance. The plans seek to revive consumer purchasing power after the emergency. — International News Service.

POLICE CONSTABLE CHARGED

A CHINESE POLICE CONSTABLE, LI HING-PO, OF CENTRAL POLICE STATION, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING, WITH DEMANDING \$20 FROM LO YING WITH MENACES, AT THE TAK WAN TEA HOUSE, BONHAM STRAND EAST, YESTERDAY.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay pleaded not guilty on behalf of accused, while Detective Sub-Inspector F. Nolan appeared for the prosecution.

At the request of the prosecution, the case was adjourned for a week for further enquiries. Bail of \$2,000 was allowed.

15s. RENT FOR 7FT ROOM

For charging an extortionate rent, Mrs. Ellen Swannick, 57, of Old Hale-way, Hitchin, Herts, was fined £5, with £4 11s. 6d. costs, at Hitchin.

An airman stated that he paid 15s. rent for a box-room 7ft. 6in. by 6ft. 6in.

"The room was so small," he said, "that my wife and I had to move a table and chair on to the landing before we could go in and go to bed."

Two other rooms were let to another airman and his wife for 22s. 6d.

Another married couple paid 25s. for a bed-sitting-room.

The rent of the whole house was 16s. a week.

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SPEEDING CHARGE

PLEADING GUILTY TO SPEEDING IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD, MR. H. V. C. RANDALL, OF THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, WAS FINED \$20 BY MR. H. C. MACNAMARA AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

Mr. Randall was said to have driven 40 m.p.h. in Castle Peak Road at 3.35 p.m. on August 8 when he was followed by Traffic Inspector A. R. Brittain.

Summoned for failing to maintain her car in good condition, Mrs. C. M. Christensen, of No. 3, Kimberley Villas, was fined \$10.

Mrs. Christensen's chauffeur, Ho Kam, summoned for driving the car without efficient brakes, was also fined \$10.

The summonses were issued as a result of a slight accident at the junction of Kimberley and Carnarvon Roads, following which the car was tested. The test disclosed that the car stopped in 48 feet when both brakes were applied at 20 m.p.h. and 82 feet when only the foot brake was applied.

CAMERA STOLEN

Mr. G. M. Davreux, of No. 19, Homantin Hill Road, has reported the theft of a camera valued at \$175 from his residence yesterday afternoon.

GROWING SENSE OF FRUSTRATION IN GERMANY

A GROWING SENSE of frustration in Germany is reported by travellers arriving in Ankara who tell how the people are openly asking "For what are we fighting?" and "Why is the Russian war not finished?"

These sources stress, however, that the morale is in no way near breaking point. General recrimination over the Soviet war has led to a feud between the Army and the Nazi Party.

Goering and List, who are demanding more and more power at the expense of the Party, met with strenuous opposition from Himmler, who has since been backed up by Hitler.

Himmler's victory was immediately reflected in the despatch of more storm-troopers to the front where they are very unpopular with the army.

Believing that political commissars are the backbone of the Red Army, the storm-troopers mercilessly ill-treat captured commissars. The army protested to Berlin several times, fearing Russian reprisals, but Berlin supported the storm-troopers.

Lack Of Confidence

It is now reported that the Army are telling the commissars to discard their insignia in order not to expose themselves to the brutality of the storm-troops.

Travellers are much struck by the complete lack of confidence regarding the financial stability of the Reich, and point out that the ordinary German is not able to buy food and clothes, preferring to spend his money in cafes and restaurants rather than invest it in the banks.

The man in the street has openly admitted that Berlin is not able to stand raids like London, while the new British bombs have created uneasiness throughout Germany.—Reuter.

THEFTS FROM A.R.P. TUNNELS

Cheng Fai, 32, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for stealing two planks from No. 10 A.R.P. Tunnel yesterday.

Tai Shun, 41, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for the theft of a piece of iron from outside No. 8 A.R.P. Tunnel.

SEPOY FINED

Sepoy Achhru Ram, Punjab Regiment, was fined \$10 by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson this morning, for driving "without due care and caution" in Robinson Road on July 21.

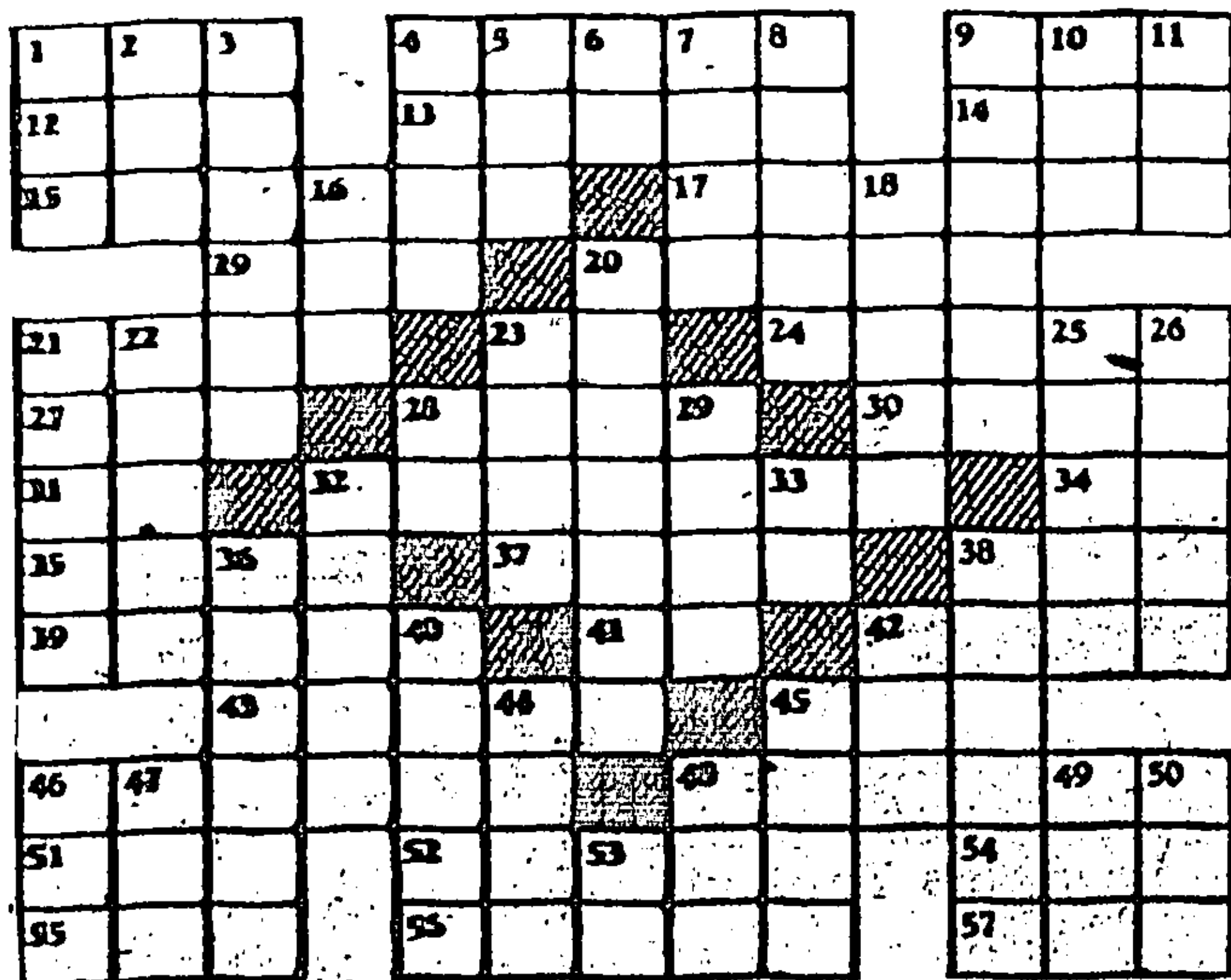
He collided with a stationary taxi-cab at the junction of Robinson Road and Castle Road at about 10.30 on July 23.

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- 14 Inlet
- 15 The Milky Way
- 17 Right of a belligerent to use a neutral's property
- 19 Silkworm
- 20 Beneath
- 21 Female relative
- 23 Bone
- 24 Tile
- 27 Insect
- 28 To eat by regimen
- 30 Entry
- 31 Japanese measure
- 32 European country
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- 35 Man's name
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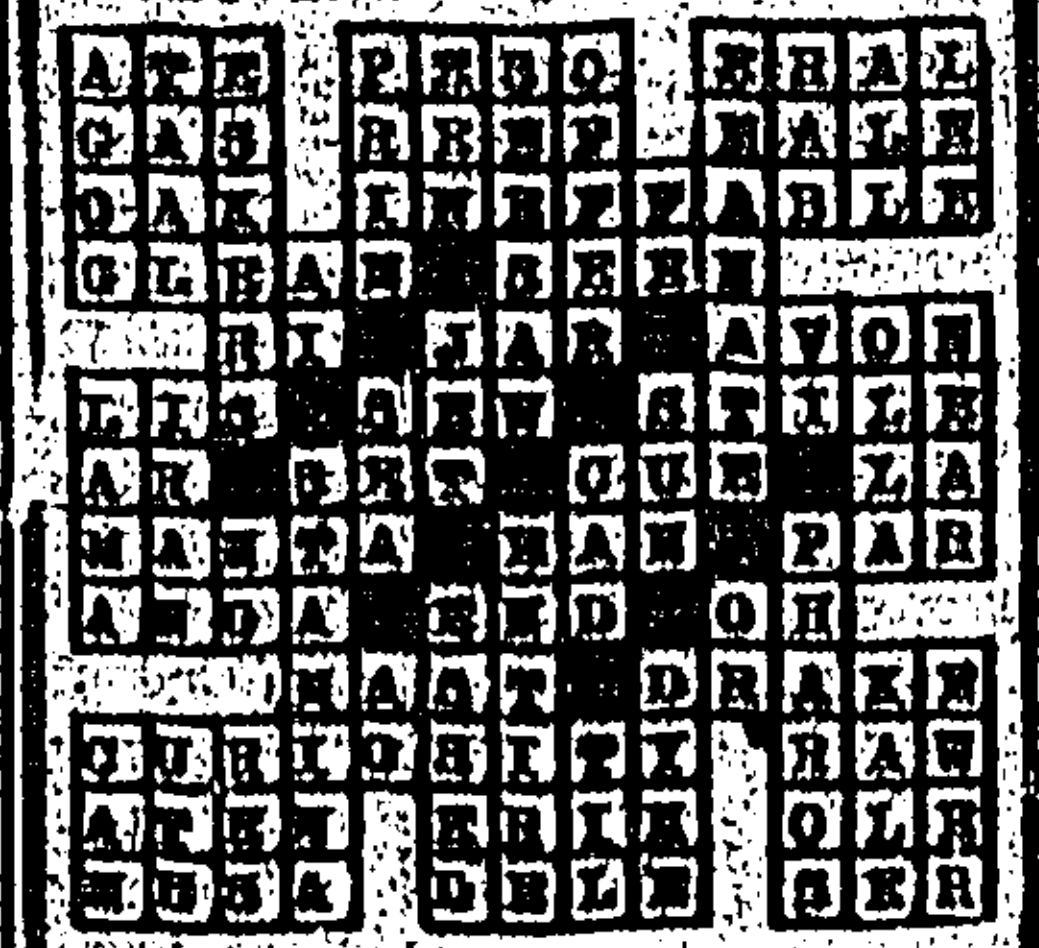
- 46 Choice
- 48 Fleet of armed ships
- 51 Gone by
- 52 Gateway of a Shinto temple
- 54 Negative
- 55 Beetle
- 56 Sudden thunderstorm
- 57 Music as written

VERTICAL

- 1 Slang: joke
- 2 Eggs
- 3 Ability
- 4 Vehicle for hire
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GOVERNMENT WARNED OF PROBABLE TIMBER PRICE RISE

CONTINUING HIS evidence before the Commission enquiring into certain matters in connection with the Air Raid Precautions Architectural Department in the Council Chamber this morning, Mr. W. F. Carman, of Messrs. Marsman, Hong Kong, China, Ltd., told the Commission that in September 1940, he predicted a rise in the price of timber.

Acting on that, Mr. Carman said, he advised Government, through Messrs. Campbell and Pearce, to see if certain measures could be taken to offset any likely increase, either through buying up stocks then, or introducing some sort of control.

That warning was not heeded, Mr. Carman went on.

In answer to the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, he agreed that had they done so, a considerable saving would have been effected.

When the hearing was resumed, the first witness to testify was Mr. E. W. Blackmore who said that, as requested yesterday afternoon, he had brought with him correspondence relative to an order he had received for making 10,000 concrete blocks.

Chairman: In a letter, dated September 9, 1940, the Director, Air Raid Precautions, confirms the order for the 10,000 blocks and also confirms the order for an additional 10,000 blocks?—That is so.

So that the order came from the Director, A.R.P.?—Yes.

Reduced Prices

Mr. Blackmore was then told he would not be required further for the day, but just before he left, Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, who had entered an appearance on behalf of Wing-Comdr. A. H. Steele-Perkins, asked permission to put some questions to witness.

Chairman: Certainly, what are your questions?
Mr. Tinson (to witness): The first letter you received from the Director, A.R.P., was dated September 3, 1940 and after that you had an interview with Comdr. Steele-Perkins?—Yes.

And it was a result of the interview that you made certain reductions in prices?—Yes, from 67 cts to 63, and 23 cts to 20.

At this stage Mr. Davidson informed the chairman that since the previous day he had ascertained that Concrete Products were, technically, a subsidiary of Marsman's.

Mr. Faber

Mr. Carman then continued his evidence and the chairman asked him: In part of your evidence yesterday you said that the reason why your firm was given the contract for tunnelling was because you specialised in this kind of work?—I believe so.

WASNT THERE A GENTLEMAN BY NAME OF MR. FABER WHO COULD DO THE JOB TOO?
—MR. FABER IS A CONSULTANT ENGINEER.

He has done the work though?
—Yes, I believe so, in Blake Gardens.

Has the work been completed?—Yes, but at the time there were a number of slides and I thought the work had been abandoned.

Kin Lee

What about the tunnels on the Kowloon side, are they not done by a firm called Kin Lee?—Yes.

Well then, Kin Lee were another firm who could have done the job?—At that time I did not know any Chinese firm was capable and that was why I insisted there was to be no subcontracting in the work we undertook.

How is Kin Lee paid, on a cost plus basis?—I do not know but I have heard that it was so.

The chairman then asked Mr. Carman whether he had produced figures for the purchases of timber and witness handed up a list.

Chairman: I see that in April you purchased 5,000 pieces of timber?—Yes.

What tunnels were they used in?—I cannot say.

Were they used in the Hong Kong Bank tunnel?—I think not. From where did you purchase these 5,000 pieces?—They were from Kin Lee, at \$5.20 per piece.

"No Way Of Knowing"

Do you know whether these 5,000 pieces were available in September, 1940?—There is no way of knowing.

Those belonged to the Chinese Government, didn't they?—I believe all sleepers in Hong Kong originally belonged to the Chinese Government.

Which employee in your firm did the buying of timber?—Mr. de Broekert.

And all the purchases were made by him?—He discussed the matter with Mr. Campbell first and Mr. Campbell authorised him to do the buying.

You know that there was a considerable stock of timber at that date?—Yes.

Suggestion To Govt.

Then why didn't you buy timber at that time?—I had discussed the matter with Mr. Campbell and suggested the price was going up. I further suggested that Government should do something to control the price and to make a survey of all the timber yards in Hong Kong.

What did Mr. Campbell do?—He suggested that to Government.

When you speak of Government, you mean the F.W.D., don't you, or which department?—That suggestion was made to Mr. Campbell and Mr. Pearce.

And in spite of that warning they did not take your advice?—I presume not.

Would it be correct to say that had they done so the price of timber would have been lower and a considerable saving would have been effected?—Undoubtedly.

Payments To Govt.

There are three items in this disbursement sheet, December 1 to December 15, 1940—Hong Kong Government \$4,857.82, \$4,092 and \$1,530. What are they for?—Those are for dynamite.

C. T. Yuan, \$9,448.97, \$14.20 and \$9,178.37; what are those three items?—All payrolls for the week ending December 10.

Who is this fellow Yuan?—He was the paymaster. He would sign the receipt. The cheque was made out to him and the cash placed in envelopes and taken to the site. The amount was checked by Mr. Campbell and certified as the payroll to date.

Mr. Carman said that each man had a card and a number. The card was taken to the site and entered, and when returned formed the basis for the calculation of each workman's salary.

Chairman: I still do not see why the cheque was made out to him?—It was a cash cheque and the money was turned over to him. It was a matter of office routine.

Did this happen weekly?—Yes. Why then did you sometimes have the item "Pay roll week ending..." Why did you not do the same in every instance?—It was just done so that all payments are supported by vouchers, checked by Mr. Lloyd, Messrs.

10 MILES IN 10 HOURS

An R.A.F. squadron leader, forced down in the Channel, paddled ten miles in ten hours in rubber dinghy, steering by the sun, till he was picked up.

He had led a fighter squadron during a raid on Cherbourg. Shot down two German fighters over the Channel, and had his own plane damaged.

Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Mr. Campbell. Each voucher is checked by three persons.

Transport "Monopoly"

The chairman then referred Mr. Carman to previous evidence in which he said that several firms did his transportation. "I see that Oriental Transportation did most of the work. Here is an item \$4,432.08 and in going through your statement, no other company is mentioned."

Mr. Carman:—In the beginning we had trouble with transportation. We had a check on the site and found Oriental Transportation the most efficient, and I presume that they were allowed to carry on.

Did Mr. Campbell approve of Oriental Transportation Company?—Yes.

Am I correct in saying that they got three-quarters of the work in April, they got \$7,598 and going up to July they are still here?—They are still employed by us.

You will agree with me that this company got three-quarters of the work?—A great proportion.

Chairman: Well over three quarters.

Were any other companies asked?—I believe there were. It

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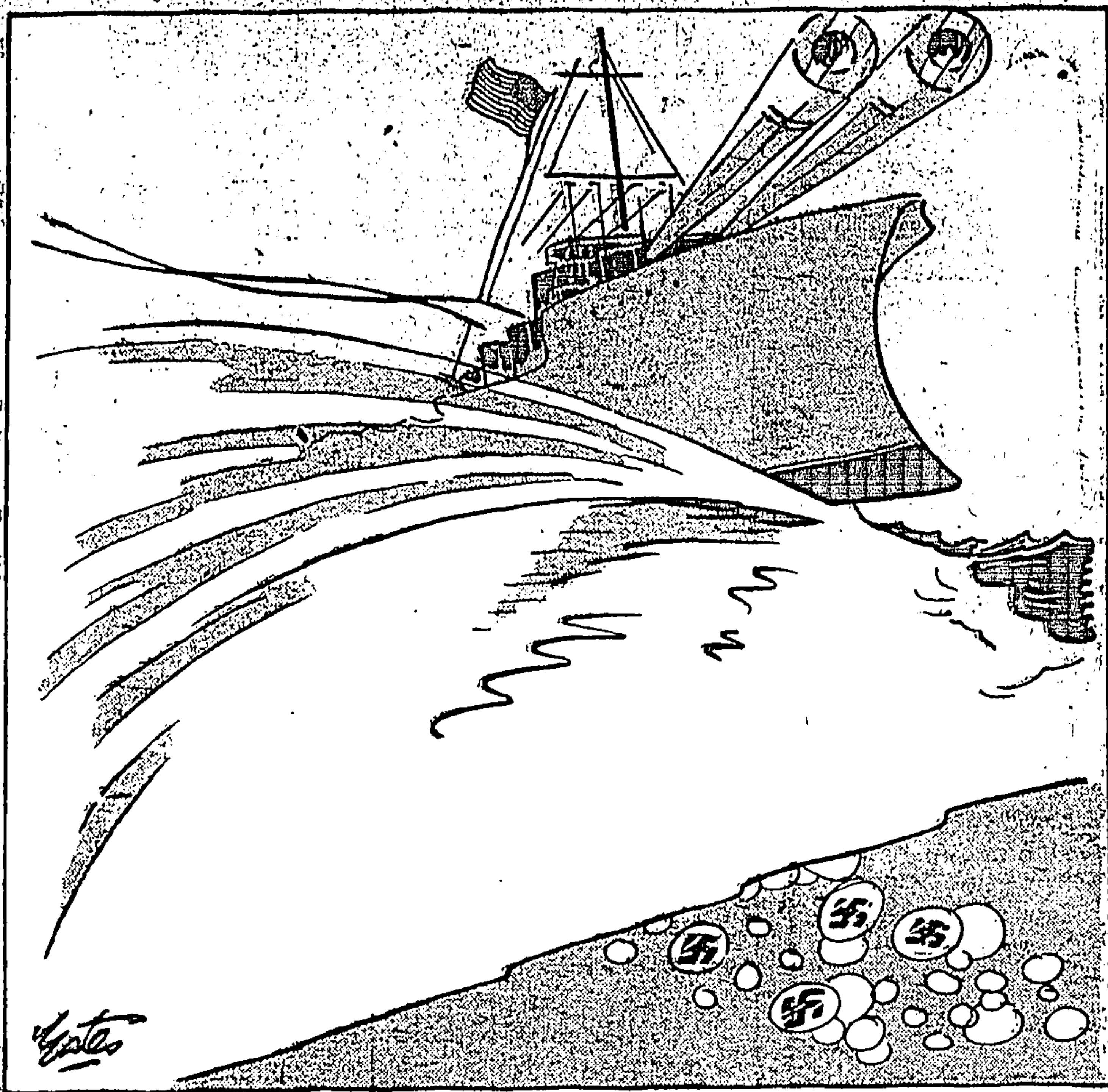
THE THREAT FROM VICHY

Shrouded by a familiar smoke screen of rumour, the men of Vichy are moving toward fateful decisions. The precise form which these decisions will assume cannot, of course, be known; it is doubtful, indeed, that the Vichy Cabinet itself is certain of its course, if the tales of dissension in its ranks are true. But the extent of the demands which Hitler and the Hitler-minded of France are making upon Marshal Petain may be judged with some accuracy from the Paris press, and the willingness of the Vichy government to meet those demands seems to be reflected in recent statements by prominent members of the regime. Should the shadows cast against the sky by these twin portents be translated into reality, there can be no question but that the United States will be faced by the gravest problem yet to arise from the European conflict.

Reports from abroad suggest several reasons for Hitler's present manoeuvres in Vichy. He is believed to be seeking increased industrial aid from France because of the strain of the Russian war; a diplomatic victory, too, would be helpful in restoring some of the prestige which the Reich has lost upon the eastern plains. But for America the most dangerous aspect of the current negotiations in Vichy is that which relates to the French colonies. The press of Paris, which has so faithfully reflected the views and desires of the Nazis, has demanded military collaboration between France and Germany to "protect" Dakar and, apparently, the French possessions in the Western Hemisphere from the "Anglo-Saxons." The example of Indo-China is not reassuring in this regard, and, clearly, Vichy's attempt to distinguish between the position of the Far Eastern portions of the French Empire and those in other parts of the world has failed to satisfy the State Department. Moreover, the hint which emerged from Vichy to the effect that Germany would be granted port facilities and transport privileges in the French possessions has an ominous ring.

If these "port facilities and transport privileges" include, as well they may, facilities and privileges to German planes and sub-

THE GREER INCIDENT



LESS TALK THE BETTER

A Bomber Short

IT is strange how regrettable a clear sky can be when one is waiting for R.A.F. bomber aircraft engaged on a daylight raid to return to their station. One becomes imaginative and projects one's mind across the Channel to enemy territory.

I, too, have flown over Bethune, and the picture of our Blenheims approaching their target develops in my mind. I can hear the crack of anti-aircraft defences, and the "ping!" and whistle as little black puffs of smoke appear all round the aircraft, and fragments of bursting shell tear through the air.

Suddenly the formation swings and swoops. The bomb aimers are prone on their stomachs, their eyes glued to the sights. A hand reaches out. A lever is pulled. Death goes sailing down, and flashes, followed by heaving debris and clouds of smoke, tell where the bombs have landed.

"What time will the boys be back?" I asked the Intelligence Officer.

"Four o'clock," he replied, without hesitation. These raids are run with railway time-table precision.

It seems a long way to four o'clock, possibly because no one here at the station knows what is happening in the interval. Radio silence is always maintained during daylight raids. Signals might give information to the enemy.

In a quarter of an hour now the tension will be over. We shall know the best—and the worst.

I am allowed to climb the control tower where the Duty Pilot stands looking out to the south-east, searching the sky as a sailor in the crow's nest of a ship. Now and then he puts his binoculars to his eyes.

And then: "Here they are!" Far over the horizon some tiny specks can be seen shimmering dully as they catch the sun. The Duty Pilot strains his eyes to count the home comers.

"Hell!" he exclaims. "One missing. Blast the..." The breeze bears the end of the sentence away.

The crews are now climbing into the tender that will take them back to the interrogation hangar. I go with them.

"What happened to 'J'?" asks the station commander. "Did

you see anything of him?" "He was with us till we came out over Dunkirk," answers one of the observers. "They put up a devil of a packet from there and I saw 'J' go down in a gentle glide. He didn't appear to be in much trouble, but he must have been, because he broke formation. I didn't see him after he started to go down."

No one made any comment, but we must all have a vision of three of those laughing boys crashing

By
RICHARD HAESTIER

into the dancing waters of the English Channel. Perhaps they are floating there now, hoping to be rescued.

In the interrogation hut the Intelligence Officer is about to question the crews when there is a commotion. The word goes round that the missing aircraft is safe, and the whole station seems to rush out to the tarmac lining the aerodrome. First among them is the Station Commander in his car. The fire engine has also arrived and is waiting while the crew climb into their asbestos fire-fighting suits.

The medical officer is doubling up from his quarters, and the ambulance is there.

Meanwhile, the missing Blenheim has approached the aerodrome at about 2,000 feet. All eyes are turned toward it, as if in answer to our gaze, the rear gunner fires a distress signal. Back goes the answering signal from the Duty Pilot, and we all strain our eyes to see evidence of damage. The bomber comes lower, in a gentle circle, and a great jagged tear can be seen in the side of the fuselage.

Almost immediately it can be seen from the way the pilot is manoeuvring that he cannot get his landing gear down. He will have to use all his skill to land the aircraft on its belly. It's a tricky business, and if the pilot is wounded.

Presently, when about only 500 feet up, the bomber takes a wider sweep.

In, in, in it comes—lower, lower, lower. Will the pilot, by bad luck, hit a small ridge and turn over? The palms of my hands become damp. The aircraft is nearly down. No more than two feet from the ground. Suddenly it wobbles—shudders, perhaps,

would be a more accurate word. At the same time it staggers upwards, trying to get into the air again. Something has gone wrong and the pilot is trying to snatch a second attempt. He is going to hit the hangars.

"We wait for the impact. He has missed them and disappeared over the roof."

The drama is repeated. But something has gone wrong again. This time it looks as if the Blenheim is going to charge us, and without a word, the crowd on the tarmac turn and run, ducking as they go. But the Blenheim has missed us and the hangars again.

For the third time it comes in, sinks lower and lower. First feet, three, two... Will it never stop hovering and land?

There is a gasp from the ground and then a spontaneous cheer and handclapping. The pilot has put his wounded craft down with magnificent skill.

Like a relay race we all start across the aerodrome. The Station Commander is there first.

But—relief that is anti-climax—three heads appear and three smiling men climb out unaided.

"Everyone all right?" asks the Station Commander.

"Fine!" says the pilot, while the other two grin their reassurance.

But before we realise what has happened the one good engine has started to smoke. But the firemen are too quick to allow a mishap now. Two thick streams of white foam are pouring from hoses into the engine cowlings.

Dodging the spray, we examine the engine. It has "caught a packet."

"It was all right going out, I guess," says the pilot, a young American. "It was cloudy all the way after we got over the Channel. I thought we should never be able to find the target. Then, by luck, someone had made a hole for the job. It exactly framed the target and we plonked everything through it."

"But coming back, out over Dunkirk they were popping stuff up like mad. The stuff I got was meant for the leading formation, but they missed it and I went in to it. I immediately went down to sea level to get out of it."

"Approaching Ramsgate the port prop disappeared and the front of the engine fell out."

"Why didn't you put down at Manston?" asked the Wing Commander.

"Well," drawled the American, "I took the thing up from there and I guess I was going to put it down here again."

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BERLIN'S HEAVIEST RAID

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CAPTIVES KEEP POULTRY

British officer prisoners at the Sulmona Camp, Italy, are going in for extensive poultry-rearing says the Red Cross.

SWEDISH CRASH

The fifth occupant of the plane which crashed in Sweden arrived in Malmoe by train, while it is now learned that the member of the crew who was injured sustained a broken leg. The plane was returning from a raid on Germany. — Reuter.

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COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY AFTER-
NOON IN LONDON.

The communique states: "The R.A.F.
last night attacked objectives at Berlin, Kiel
and other places in Germany, and docks at
Boulogne.

'GAOL LISTENERS' GALL

The Nazi-controlled
Paris radio has appeal-
ed to the authorities
to imprison for six
months everybody who
listened to the B.B.C.
and to confiscate their
radio sets.

ALLIED LANDING IN ARCTIC

It is officially announce-
d that Allied forces have
landed at Spitzbergen,
and that the landing was
effected without enemy
interference.

The main purpose of the land-
ing is to prevent enemy use of
the rich mines in the area.
The force was composed of
Canadians, British and Norwe-
gians.

Spitzbergen is a large island
mass in the Arctic Ocean, due
north of Tromsøe in Norway.
The island group belongs to
Norway.

As a result of the landing, a
considerable number of Norwe-
gian miners have arrived in Brit-
tain to help the Allied war effort.
— Reuter.

FLAK SHIP BLOWS UP

A German flak ship was
destroyed off Ostend yester-
day by a Spitfire of the
Fighter Command, armed
with cannon and ma-
chine-guns, states the Air
Ministry News Service in
London yesterday.

The Spitfire was on reconnais-
sance flight when the pilot saw
three flak ships. He dived on
them and while firing his first
burst saw one explode and the
superstructure disintegrate.

He commented on his return:
"It is highly probable that I hit
the magazine. I broke off the
engagement while still 200 yards
from the wreckage." — Reuter.

"The attack on Berlin was
carried out by a very powerful
force in brilliant moonlight. A
great number of high explosive
and incendiary bombs were
dropped in the attack lasting two
hours.

"GREAT FIRES SPRANG UP
IN THE CITY AND EXTENSIVE
DAMAGE WAS DONE. FOUR
ENEMY NIGHT FIGHTERS
WERE DESTROYED BY OUR
BOMBERS IN THE COURSE OF
THESE OPERATIONS AND 20
OF OUR BOMBERS ARE MISS-
ING.

"Aircraft of the fighter Com-
mand attacked a number of
enemy aerodromes in occupied
territory during the night. One
of these aircraft is missing."

It was the heaviest raid on
Berlin since the war began.
The first bombers arrived just
before midnight and the last did
not leave until well into the
small hours of the morning.

Like A Map

When they reached the city, the
lakes round the west were shin-
ing in the moonlight and by
familiar landmarks, the crew
found their way to the centre.

"We could see the place like a
map," said a flight sergeant, "and
soon there were many fires with
one in particular blazing large
and fierce in the heart of the city
as a further guide to the bom-
bers."

A great many high explosive
bombs were seen to burst round
a main railway station. Volumes
of black smoke poured upwards
and, on the return journey, it was
a long time before the crews saw
the last of the glow of the many
fires.

Defences Ready

The defences of Berlin were
ready for the attack and the crews
knew what to expect. Cones of
searchlights swept the skies and
pursued the invading bombers.
Anti-aircraft fire was incessant
and only stopped to let the night
fighters approach.

"WE WERE CLAMPED IN A
LARGE CONE OF SEARCH-
LIGHTS," SAID ONE GUNNER.
"AND JERRY WAS PUMPING
UP FLAK AS HARD AS HE
COULD GO. ALL OF A SUD-
DEN THE FLAK STOPPED AND
I SAW A ME110 COMING UP
ON OUR STARBOARD QUAR-
TER."

"I gave it a burst and saw my
tracer enter its starboard engine.
The Messerschmitt caught fire and
crashed down. It passed us so
close that I thought it was going
to hit us." — Reuter.

INDIA WILL PLAY HER PART

The unshaken belief that India
will rise to play her part worthily
in the present juncture in aug-
menting still further the resources
of the Empire was expressed by
the Maharaja of Jaipur yesterday
when addressing officials of the
State on his return, after an ab-
sence of five months on active ser-
vice in the Middle East.

He said that the Indian troops
were full of enthusiasm and zeal
to get at grips with the enemy
again. — Reuter.

BRITISH 'PLANE DOWN IN SWEDEN

A message from
Stockholm states that
a British war plane
crashed in Scania,
southern Sweden, early
yesterday morning
after engine failure.
The plane was burnt
out.

The crew of five
baled out, four of
them having been
found safe, with one
of them injured. He
was taken to hospital,
while the police are
searching for the fifth.
— Reuter.

JAPAN CUT OFF

Japan is virtually isolat-
ed from intercourse with
Europe, said Vice-Admiral
Sakonji, Minister of Com-
merce and Industry,
broadcasting in Tokyo
yesterday.

For this reason, he continued,
commerce was limited to the so-
called Asiatic co-prosperity
sphere in which "circumstances
prevent the smooth interchange
of materials."

He emphasised the necessity
for drastic control of consump-
tion, urging the utter abandon-
ment of the "profit-making
idea."

He urged the reclamation of
vital materials. This effort, at
sufficiency, he added, was largely
dependent upon popular moral
conduct. — Reuter.

EVACUATION SHIP GOING TO JAPAN

A cable from Reuter's
Tokyo correspondent, held
up by the local censor,
states that a British eua-
cuation ship is scheduled
to arrive in Japan on
September 23, although
there may be a few days'
delay.

The vessel is said to be less
than 4,000 tons.
Possibly a thousand British
nationals and Indians are expect-
ed to embark, which would seem
to preclude the possibility of the
ship carrying Americans or other
nationals.

The vessel is believed to be a
former B and S freighter. The
British Embassy refuses to con-
firm or deny this. — Reuter.

Berlin Aflame In Bright Moonlight

A PICTURE OF BERLIN AFLAME IN MOONLIGHT SO BRIGHT THAT STREETS AND CROSSINGS COULD BE SEEN FROM THE AIR WAS GIVEN BY THE CREWS OF BRITISH BOMBERS WHICH ATTACKED THE GERMAN CAPITAL ON SUNDAY NIGHT.

One pilot described how he saw bombs burst in the middle of the city and start fires. "There were flashes all round," he said, "and buildings were lit up or silhouetted against the glare."

According to the Air Ministry News Service, crews coming in from the West saw the first chain of lakes bright in the moonlight and then the River Spree and the streets of Berlin.

"You could see the streets and street-crossings," said one gunner.

"You could easily identify the bigger buildings. It was so bright that you could even make out traffic moving along some streets. I expect most of it was fire-engines. Soon raging fires made even better landmarks as the bombers came in thick and fast. Buildings and streets away from the fires were glowing red in the light of flames."

A Battle Scene

A rear-gunner told of a battle between a twin-engined British bomber and a German fighter. "We spotted the bomber caught in the searchlights," he said, "it was on its way back. Then we saw the fighter with its tracer bullets going into the cone of the searchlights from the darkness outside. Then the fighter dived down in flames. We saw it hit the ground and blow up. Last we saw of the bomber it was going on with one engine on fire, flying straight and level. I hope the crew made it."

"We flew right over the city," said an observer. "Flak was there but we have been shot at worse in other places."

"One of the new high explosive bombs went off as we were going in and another as we were coming out. Both of them went off with a terrific red flash which seemed to hang in the air for a few seconds."

The navigator said that when his own new bomb went off, "Everything went up. After that we came out very calmly and peacefully. Nobody took any notice of us at all."

Immense Fire

Many crews asked whether the Russians were over Berlin as well. "We should like to meet them there," said one pilot. "I went in from the East so the Germans may have thought I was Russian. I hope they did. Any way Berlin was under such heavy fire that the Germans may well have thought there were two air forces going for them."

Reports from many other stations give a more general picture of the success of the attack. There was an immense fire near the Alexanderplatz, smoke from which stretched miles to the East. Bombs were seen to hit buildings, factories, warehouses and railway yards. One crew reported groups of 50 small fires sending up a column of smoke several thousand feet high. Another crew reported three large fires which they saw for 25 minutes after leaving the city and even then they were lost sight of because of a cloud.

There were fires in all parts of the city, in the industrial suburbs as well as in the centre.

Five Fighters

Some idea of the defences of Berlin and what some British crews had to face was given by the story of a Manchester crew, which avoided five enemy fighters on their way to Berlin. "Then we were hit by flak," said a pilot, "but I went on and bombed."

"I found that the port engine was rapidly getting hotter and to prevent its seizing, I stopped the engine. There seemed little chance of making the long journey home but we set a course and hoped for the best."

Over much of the enemy country we were flying at about 5,000 feet and had to pass through a large belt of searchlights. Later we had to come down even lower."

Eventually after the crew had jettisoned everything possible, the bomber landed at the first aerodrome after crossing the English coast—with very little petrol to spare.

The bomber was pierced with shrapnel holes and the dinghy was shot away.

Good Night

The observer of a Wellington who has been on 42 raids had a very different story to tell describing it as "one of the best nights I ever had."

He added: "You could see everything perfectly and we had no trouble with fighters. We went straight in and found what we were looking for and came straight out. You couldn't ask for anything better than that."

Another Wellington came home with 12 holes in the fuselage and wings. The rear-turret controls were cut by flak one turret door was shot off and the rear-gunner's parachute harness and life-saving suit, tunic and shorts were torn by shell splinters.—Reuter.

INDIAN TROOPS' TRUST

Practically all R.A.F. aerodromes in Malaya are guarded by detachments of the Indian Expeditionary Force.

Some units defending the aerodromes belong to the Indian Army, while others are infantry battalions raised in Indian States and placed at the disposal of His Majesty by their Rulers.

All the men know the markings of United States, German, Italian, Thai, Japanese and Dutch aircraft. They have been given instructions in regard to dealing with dive bombers, parachutists, etc., and the experience gained in Norway, Greece and Crete is being incorporated.

Recently, a realistic demonstration showed simply the thoroughness and far-sightedness with which the preparations are being made in this regard.—Reuter.

ORDERED OUT OF VOLGA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") DETERMINED TO PREVENT GERMAN ESPIONAGE AND SABOTAGE, THE SOVIET PRESIDIUM HAS ORDERED THE ENTIRE GERMAN POPULATION OF THE VOLGA REGION TO BE SHIFTED TO FERTILE AREAS IN SIBERIA.

The move is to proceed with all possible speed.

It is believed that the order involves some tens of thousands of ex-Germans who will be settled in regions adjacent to Omsk and Novosibirsk and be given land to support.

The Germans have been on the Volga since the 18th century, but

J. P. ABSENT FOR 20 YEARS

A magistrate who lives opposite a police court has never attended for 20 years and never signed a summons in that time.

That allegation was made by Dr. Peters (L. Nat. Hunts) in the Commons the Justices (Supplemental List) Bill.

FURTHER SINGAPORE AIR POWER

THE OFFENSIVE STRENGTH OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE IN THE FAR EAST HAS BEEN FURTHER REINFORCED BY THE ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF THE LATEST TYPE OF LONG-NOSE BRISTOL AND BLENHEIM BOMBERS.

For some months it has been the policy to strengthen the R.A.F. in Malaya by aircraft from the United States, but in recent weeks, apart from the arrival of large numbers of officers and men, there arrived from British factories maintenance equipment together with complete aircraft.

This means that the R.A.F. in the Far East is now being fed in men and material from the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia and New Zealand.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S GOOD CROP

"DESPITE THE WEATHER IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT THE FINAL WEIGHT OF CROPS GROWN THIS YEAR WILL EASILY CREATE A RECORD FOR THE CENTURY," SAID MR. R. S. HUDSON, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, IN AN EXCLUSIVE STATEMENT TO REUTER'S POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT YESTERDAY IN LONDON.

This bumper harvest had been gathered in difficult weather conditions and could only have been successful with the enormous co-operation which was so splendidly given by all sections of the community.

In addition to the regular farm workers and women's land army, there has been constant work by school-boys and girls.—Reuter.

CONTROL OF MOTOR CAR OUTPUT

The production of passenger motor-cars for sale in Canada in 1942 is to be curtailed to approximately 44% of that in 1940, according to an Order-in-Council announced in Ottawa yesterday by the Minister of Munitions, Mr. Howe.

Production in 1940 was approximately 9,600 cars. The Order reserves to Government the right to restrict or entirely prohibit motor-car production.—Reuter.

It is pointed out that the order will avoid the necessity for direct Russian action against the entire Volga population in the event of pro-Nazi uprisings.—International News Service.



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BRIDGE NOTES

A DOUBLE SQUEEZE By The Four Aces

"A double squeeze is always interesting," writes Booker Linton, of St. Louis. "but this hand which I played really played itself."

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 6 4
♥ A J 6 5 3 2
♦ Q 2
♣ A 10 8

WEST EAST
♠ 7 3 ♠ Q J 10 9 2
♥ K Q 10 8 7 ♥ 9 4
♦ 5 3 ♦ 7 6 4
♣ Q 7 6 3 ♣ J 9 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 8 5
♥ —
♦ A K J 10 9 8
♣ K 5 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
4♦ Pass 5♦ Pass
6♦ Pass Pass Pass

"The only problem was to make all thirteen tricks. West opened the heart King, which marked him with the Queen. Dummy went up with the Ace, and I (South) discarded the four of clubs. I then cashed the top spades and led a low spade. West ruffed with the three of diamonds, and dummy had to over-ruff with the Queen. But now it was clear that all the cards were properly placed for the double squeeze, so I just returned a trump from dummy and ran every single trump in my hand.
"My last four cards were the trump (which I had just led), a spade and the King and a low club. Dummy held the Jack of hearts and three clubs. When the last trump was led, West discarded a club in order to save the heart in dummy — and East felt the pressure. He had three clubs and the spade Queen, and couldn't prevent me from taking the rest of the tricks."

Once again we thank Mr. Linton for contributing an exceedingly well played hand. Somehow or other a good player always tends to think that his best plays are nothing at all but a double-squeeze hand doesn't "play itself" — it requires careful management.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 9 7
♥ 3
♦ A J 10 4
♣ Q 6 5 3 2

The bidding:
Jacoby You Schenker Maier
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
2♥ 4♠ Pass Pass
5♥ Pass Pass Dbl.
Pass (?)

ANSWER: You must pass. The double indicates defensive strength and also warns you that five spades may be a dangerous contract. Having left it to your partner to decide, you have no reason to interfere now with your partner's decision.
Score 100% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 816

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 9 7
♥ 3 2
♦ A J 10 4
♣ K J 6 5

The bidding:
Jacoby You Schenker Burnstone
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♥ (?)

What do you bid? (Answer

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The donkey—Sally—was suffering from sores and was ill-nourished. To save her a life of misery, Major Bradstock bought her and she lived on his farm.

But Sally's life of leisure ended when she was shot by Inspector E. Winn, of the R.S.P.C.A., and at Lewes Police Court Major Bradstock was summoned by the society. It was alleged that the donkey suffered unnecessarily through not having its hoofs pared.

He pleaded not guilty and the case was dismissed.

Leg Shown in Court

It was stated that there was no suggestion that Major Bradstock was of cruel disposition, or that there was any deliberate cruelty.

The donkey's leg and hoof was exhibited in court.

After the case, Major Bradstock claimed Sally's leg.

He said the animal had been a great pet and he intended having the leg mounted and put on his writing desk.

'50 UP' FOR NIGHT ACES

A famous night-fighter squadron has achieved the record of bringing down fifty enemy raiders after dark.

With their score standing at forty-nine, cheers rang through the station when a pilot returned soon after mid-night to report that the fifty mark had been reached.

Helped by the bright light of the full moon, he had chased and shot down a Heinkel.

This pilot nearly scored a "double" for shortly afterwards he intercepted another raider, hit it, and then lost it.

Less than an hour later the squadron bagged its fifty-first victim.

The squadron has received the following message from their group commander: "Congratulations on passing your half century. Keep up the good work. I look forward with confidence to the hundred up."

PRINTED SECRET NEWSPAPER FOR SIX MONTHS

A Polish green grocer in Warsaw, Dombroski, has been arrested by the Nazis.

In the cellar of his stall he had installed a duplicating machine. On one side of the brown paper, in which he wrapped his customers' packages, he printed Polish news heard over the London radio. He edited this brown paper parcel newspaper for six months until one night the Gestapo burst into the cellar and discovered the radio and the duplicating apparatus.

Twelve secret newspapers are now being published in Warsaw alone with a total circulation of about 150,000. Some have been smuggled from Poland to London. It is said that Mr. Churchill was amazed when shown a copy of one containing the photograph of the signing of the British-Polish Military agreement.

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MAYFAIR WATCH EVASION

Westminster's compulsory registration for fire-watching duties has been ignored by two-fifths of the population liable for service, an official of the council said when registration officially ended.

"People living in the Mayfair district have been the worst offenders," he stated. "To-night scrutineers will start to check up on all those who have not registered. We are going to give them a further week of grace by keeping open the registration bureau at Alhambra House, Charing Cross Road, each day, and then we shall prosecute all the dodgers."

"Nearly 100 per cent. of those who have registered are already engaged on civil defence or fire-watching duties."

"Some people believe that if they pay a fire watcher to look after their premises their duties are at an end, but that is not so. Every British subject between 18 and 60 who lives in Westminster, even in a club or hotel, must register."

Hundreds of people who have been bombed out of their homes or who have given up their lodgings sleep in shelters in Westminster. These people are required to register, unless they still have homes outside the city. The maximum penalty for fire-watch dodgers is a fine of £100 and three months' imprisonment.

FATHERS-TO-BE HOSPITAL GUARD

Anxious fathers-to-be pacing up and down the roof of a London maternity hospital form one of our most efficient fire-watch services.

About forty do duty at Perivale Maternity Hospital, Ealing. The idea was suggested by one of them some days ago. Now they are the hospital's official fire-watch.

These volunteers work shifts to protect their wives and unborn or newly-born babies.

"The response was immediate when the idea was first put forward," an Ealing Health Department official told the "Daily Mirror."

"Now we provide sleeping accommodation which they can use when there is no Alert. Apart from taking an active part in protecting their womenfolk, they seem less worried when on the spot."



The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau says skip it he means she should jump rope.



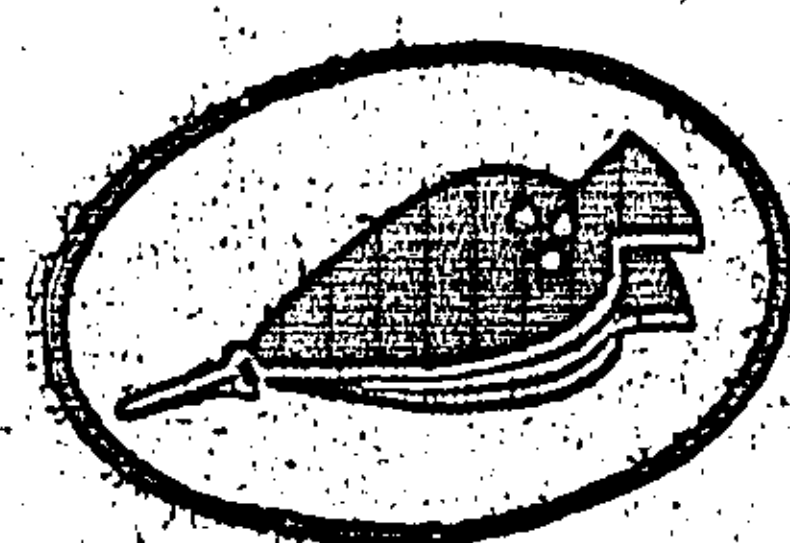
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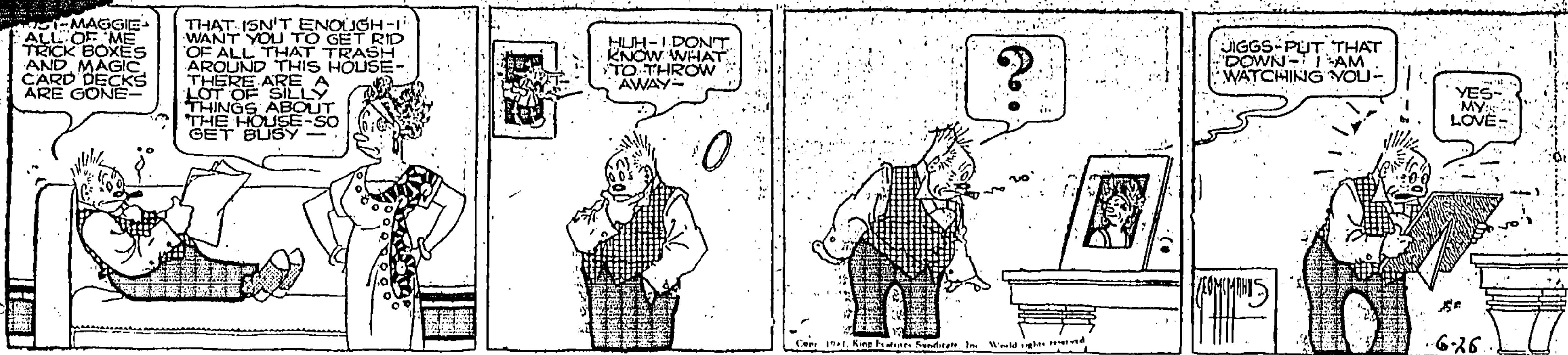


FELLOWSHIP OF THE BELLOWS

JULY SCORE 435

Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Forty-Plus Can Be Style Queen

Leading designers prefer to dress the woman of forty-plus instead of younger girls. Why? Because the mature woman can be truly chic if she builds her fashion portrait on a sound pattern of simplicity and learns to dramatise her good points and disguise her figure flaws. And at that age she should have developed sufficient poise to carry off whatever becomes her no matter how individual it may be. Young girls have the "sheep" complex—they fear to be out of the flock!

The chic mature woman is aware that her best lines are simple and flowing. A long sweep from neck to softly full hem with no break in the outline, and with drapery fullness above the waist to lead other eyes away from what may be an expanding waistline. No triple peplums or severe sheathes for her. She knows, too, that elbow-length sleeves, or bracelet length, are more flattering and her shoulders may be exaggerated only enough to balance below-the-waist weight.

Use Of Colour

Colour and fabrics are tools for her figure-sculpturing. Experience has taught her that subdued colours, and dull fabrics, minimise figure proportions whereas shiny surfaces and too-bright designs add pounds to her body. But contrast is used discriminately in accessories and trimming details as a panel of colour down a dark dress which slices a figure into three silvers!

The mature style queen chooses a basic colour (a navy blue, brown, black or green) and then builds up her wardrobe (no mat-

ter how limited or generous) around it. Smart handbags, shoes, gloves and hats which are interchangeable with several costumes, are great aids in making a woman appear to be well dressed and are also a means to adding splashes of colour.

Her Beauty

Individualised coiffures, skin kept lovely through care, hands well groomed and eyes alert are great beauty assets. The woman with graying or white hair can wear complexion colours in hats and scarfs, and the flimsiest, foamiest jabots and blouses with a dash that is envied by her younger sisters. If she dares, her hair may take on a lovely tint of mauve, or blue, and a careful selection of costume jewellery, (especially ear-rings and clips) worn with appropriate costumes, will lend an elegance to her wardrobe.

Yes, at forty, fifty or sixty, any woman can look stunning if she will play the rules of fashion. And she who keeps her body slim and posture regal will take the laurels every time. It is truly up to the individual to be a fashionable forty-plus, or a dowdy, discouraged middle-aged woman who is growing old before her time.



For her dark mid-season dresses, the older woman wisely chooses a slimming rayon-sateen, designed with the simplicity that is to-day's fashion.

Cookery Corner

Don't, please, throw away your sour milk. It is useful and valuable. Here's how to use it: For this you can use milk that has turned, even up to the point where it is so sour that the curd and the whey have separated on their own account.

Put the sour milk in a pudding basin or an old jam jar (earthenware), and this into a large saucepan with a little boiling water. Cover the saucepan with a lid.

Keep on lowest flame until the curd has risen to the top, or should the milk be at the beginning of turning, until the whey has separated from the curd. A pint to a quart of sour milk should be in low steam for about fifteen to twenty minutes.

Place a fine cloth over a basin and pour the heated sour milk carefully into this. Gather the ends of the cloth and tie them tightly together.

Hang this on a nail, placing a basin underneath to catch the whey which runs and drips out. Leave this to drip for three to

four hours. Make sure that no dirt can fall into the whey.

Scrape the cheese out of the cloth and beat it with a fork. If you wish, add a little milk or, better, top of the milk bottle. Add salt to taste.

Here are some suggestions for making it different: Add finely-chopped spring onions, cayenne pepper, chopped chives, a little bottled sauce, any or all of these.

Use this cheese as a sandwich spread or as a filling for Savoury Crepes. These make a most economical, delicious dish to replace meat. Make thin small pancakes. Spread a little of the cheese in the centre, fold and leave to cool.

Put the remaining beans well covered.

Wash the beans you want under running water. Cover them with fresh water, adding one table-spoonful of vinegar to every quart used.

Bring almost to the boil very slowly. Just before boiling point strain the water off and rinse the beans once more in fresh cold water.

Make a sauce with stock (or water) and flour and chopped bacon or rinds. Season with pepper, vinegar and a little sugar. Add the beans to it and serve with fried potatoes.

Transformation Bureau

Your suit or your husband's trousers will show a definite improvement.

Here's the right way to deal with delicate lace collars, which shouldn't be stiffened or ironed.

Gently squeeze in soft suds, rinse well and dry by spreading on the tiled wall of the bathroom or round a rolling-pin.

You'll find lace will stick when wet. Peel off when dry, and that's all you need do—ironing is not necessary.

Clips and buckles and metal buttons can be given new life very simply. Rub them in a piece of material which has been thickly spread with magnesia. Leave them for a day and brush with a dry brush.

EVER SALTED BEANS?

Choose fresh, good beans. Top and tail them, removing the stringy parts. Wash them. With a sharp knife cut them lengthwise into pieces about 1/2 in. thick.

Fill the bottom of an earthenware jar with a layer of clean salt. Cover with a layer of prepared beans, about 1 in. deep. Sprinkle a layer of salt over this. Continue until all your runner beans are used, finishing with a layer of salt.

Place a well-fitting plate on top of this. Put something heavy (a stone is best) on top of the plate. The next day you will find that the beans have shrunk.

Fill up once more with beans and salt. Arrange the plate and the weight again.

The next day remove some of the liquid and cover the whole with a thick layer of salt. Then put away for the winter covered with the plate and the weight.

When you want to use some of the beans take out of the jar the amount required, using a well-scrubbed and rinsed wooden spoon. (Make sure that you leave

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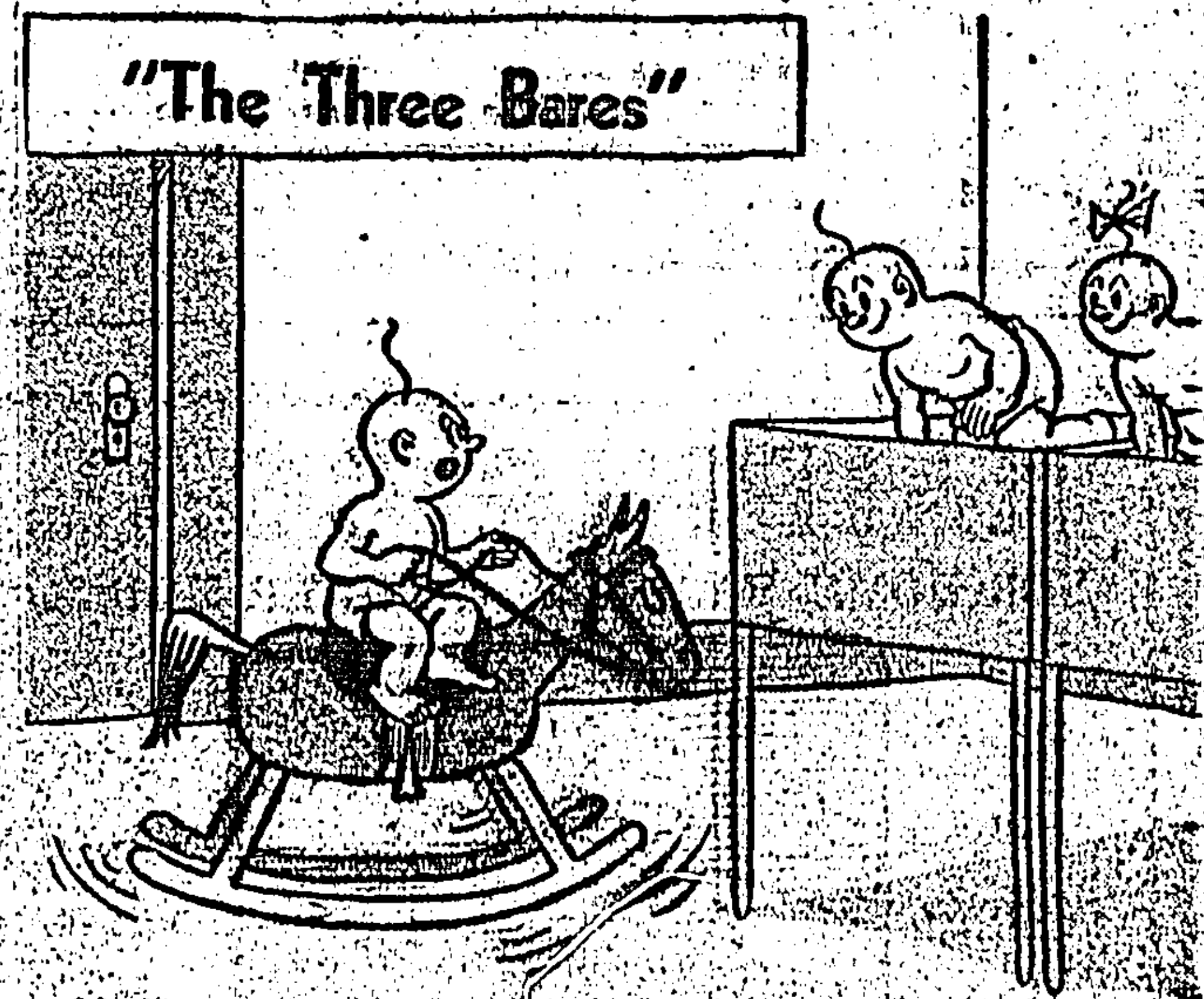
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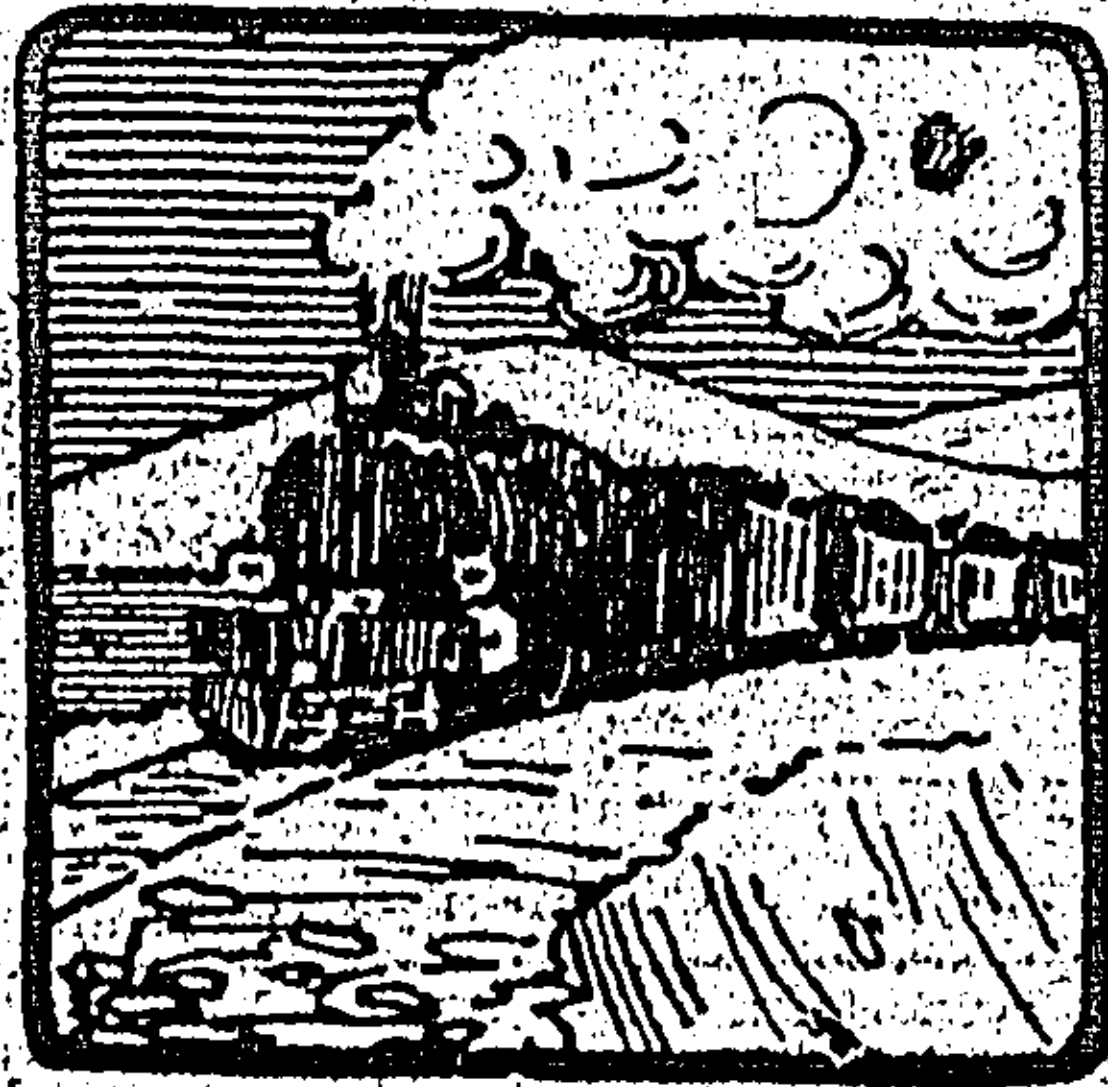
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COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS: COMPLETE DETAILS

The Colony Swimming Championships, to be held at Victoria Recreation Club on September 25 and 27, and October 2 and 4, have attracted a large number of entries and promise to produce some very keen competition.

Entries received for the different events follow:—

First Day, Thursday, Sept. 25, At 6.07 p.m.

Colony Championship—Men's 880 Yards free-style:—Yu Shin Kan (Chinese "Y"), Chiu Wai Lim (Sing Tao), Charles Huang (University), Chan Chun Nam (Lai Tsun), Yau Sai Kwan (Lai Tsun) and Lau Tai Ping (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke. Junior Championship:—J. A. Marques, C. Marcal and A. Alves.

V.R.C. Boys' 25 Yards free-style Handicap (12 years old and under):—George Noronha, Tony Osmund, Paul Silva, George Harris, Roberto Silva, Lionel Sequeira, Edo Noronha and Carlos Yvanovich.

Colony Championship—Women's 100 Yards breast-stroke:—Miss Chiu So-Bik (S.C.A.A.), Miss Ho Wai Man (S.C.A.A.), Miss Li Po Luen (University), Miss Chan Chai Pun (C.B.C.), Miss Ko Miu Ling (Lai Tsun), Miss Lo Po Kum (Lai Tsun), Miss Ng Shui Lin (H.K. & K.R. Union), Miss Sham Wai Yung (H.K. & K.R. Union) and Miss Shum Ho (H.K. & K.R. Union).

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards free-style Handicap:—L. Vieira, N. Broadbridge, C. Silva-Netto, F. A. Vieira and A. V. Alvares.

Colony Championship—Men's 220 Yards back-stroke:—Au Leung Wah (S.C.A.A.), Chan Kum Cheng (Chinese "Y"), Yang Yu Kwan (Chinese "Y"), Poon Wing Kai (Lai Tsun), Lau Yiu Ting (Lai Tsun), Robert Chan (C.B.C.), A. V. Lopes (V.R.C.), A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.) and W. Lawrence (V.R.C.).

V.R.C. Women's 50 Yards free-style Flat Race ("B" Class):—Miss Myra Noronha, Miss Therese Yvanovich, Miss Yvonne Yolle, Miss Yolanda Remedios and Miss Marguerite Gutierrez.

Colony Championship—Women's Fancy Diving:—Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.) and Miss Josephine Ng (V.B.C.).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards back-stroke. Junior Championship:—H. Reynolds, G. Saunders, A. B. de Carvalho, E. D. da Roza and F. A. Noronha.

Colony Championship—Women's 220 Yards free-style:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Ko Miu Ling (Lai Tsun), Miss Lily Sadick (Lai Tsun), Miss Celeste Gutierrez (V.R.C.) and Miss Ng Poa Hing (H.K. & K.R. Union).

V.R.C. Boys' 75 Yards Medley Handicap:—C. Gutierrez, J. Roza-Pereira, J. Carvalho, A. Tavares, G. Gomes, G. Rossetto, A. Remedios, F. Baptista and I. Erickson.

Colony Championship—Men's 150 Yards Individual Medley:—Ng Nin (Sing Tao) and Tsang Cheong Ming (Lai Tsun).

Second Day, Saturday, Sept. 27, At 9.07 p.m.

Colony Championship—Men's 100 Yards breast-stroke:—Fung Wai Cheung (Chinese "Y"), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Tsung Yiu Hing (Sing Tao), Ho Poon Kun (S.C.A.A.), Lutz M. Remedios (V.R.C.) and Tang Hon Chiu (University).

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards back-stroke. Junior Championship:—H. Reynolds, A. V. Lopes, A. B. de Carvalho and E. D. da Roza.

Colony Championship—Women's 50 Yards free-style:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Leung Oi Mui (C.B.C.), Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Ko Miu Ling (Lai Tsun), Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.), Miss Celeste Gutierrez (V.R.C.) and Miss Ng Poa Hing (H.K. & K.R. Union).

V.R.C. Women's 25 Yards free-style Flat Race (Beginners):—Miss Irene Osmund, Miss Laura Nolasco and Miss Therese Noronha.

Colony Championship—Men's 220 Yards free-style:—Tsuai Hang (Eastern), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Shek Kam Pui (Sing Tao), Chiu Wai Lim (Sing Tao), Chung She Chee (Sing Tao), Charles Huang (University), Chan Chun Nam (Lai Tsun), Yau Sai Kwan (Lai Tsun) and Lau Tai Ping (Lai Tsun).

Inter-School 200 Yards free-style Relay (Open):—La Salle College, St. Joseph's College, St. Stephen's College and Diocesan Boys' School.

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke. Handicap:—G. A. Yvanovich, J. A. Marques, C. Marcal, L. Vieira, G. Saunders and Alex Alves.

Colony Championship—Women's 50 Yards back-stroke:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.), Miss Lily Sadick (Lai Tsun) and Miss Celeste Gutierrez (V.R.C.).

Diving Exhibition.

Colony Championship—Boys' 100 Yards free-style:—G. R. Rossetto (V.R.C.) and J. Roza-Pereira (V.R.C.).

V.R.C. Members' 440 Yards free-style Junior Championship:—Lutz M. Remedios, E. D. da Roza and A. V. Lopes.

Colony Championship—Men's 150 Yards Medley Relay:—Chinese Y.M.C.A., Eastern Athletic Association, Sing Tao, European Y.M.C.A., Hong Kong University, Lai Tsun Swimming Union and Victoria Recreation Club.

V.R.C. Boys' 25 Yards breast-stroke Handicap (12 years old and under):—Paul Silva, Roberto Silva, Lionel Sequeira, Edo Noronha and George

Noronha.

Colony Championship—Women's 75 Yards Individual Medley:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.), Miss Celeste Gutierrez (V.R.C.) and Miss Tsang Fung Kwan (Lai Tsun).

Third Day, Thursday, Oct. 2, At 6.07 p.m.

Colony Championship—Men's 440 Yards free-style:—Chiu Wai Lim (Sing Tao), Chung She Chee (Sing Tao), Charles Huang (University), Chan Chun Nam (Lai Tsun), Yau Sai Kwan (Lai Tsun) and Lau Tai Ping (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards free-style Junior Championship:—L. Vieira, A. V. Lopes, C. Silva-Netto and J. Fenton.

Colony Championship—Women's 440 Yards free-style:—Miss Vivienne Churn (University) and Miss Celeste Gutierrez (V.R.C.).

V.R.C. Boys' 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap:—C. Gutierrez, J. Roza-Pereira, J. Carvalho, G. Rossetto, A. Remedios, F. Baptista and I. Erickson.

V.R.C. Women's 25 Yards back-stroke Handicap:—Miss Therese Noronha, Miss Yvonne Yolle, Miss J. Yolle and Miss Marguerite Gutierrez.

Colony Championship—Men's 220 Yards breast-stroke:—Fung Wai Cheung (Chinese "Y"), Tsung Yiu Hing (Sing Tao), Ho Poon Kun (S.C.A.A.), Robert Chan (C.B.C.), Yeung Yuk Wah (University), Hui Kwan Lun (University), Yau Sai Kwan (Lai Tsun), Kwok Chun Hang (Eastern), Wong Lok Tin (H.K. & K.R. Union).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap:—N. Broadbridge, G. Saunders, F. A. Noronha and A. B. de Carvalho.

Colony Championship—Women's 50 Yards breast-stroke:—Miss Ho Wai Man (S.C.A.A.), Miss Chan Choi Pan (C.B.C.), Miss Li Po Luen (University), Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Myra Noronha (V.R.C.) and Miss Tsang Fung Kwan (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Members' 220 Yards free-style Junior Championship:—Lutz M. Remedios, L. Vieira, E. D. da Roza, A. V. Lopes and J. Fenton.

V.R.C. Members' Novelty Events:—C. Marcal, F. A. Noronha, G. Saunders, H. Reynolds and G. A. Yvanovich.

Colony Championship—Men's 200 Yards free-style Relay:—Chinese Y.M.C.A., Eastern Athletic Association, Sing Tao, European Y.M.C.A., University, V.R.C., Hong Kong & Kowloon Residents' Union.

Colony Championship—Women's 150 Yards Medley Relay:—Chinese Bathing Club, University, Lai Tsun and V.R.C.

Final Day, Saturday, Oct. 4, At 9.07 p.m.

Colony Championship—Women's 100 Yards free-style:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Leung Oi Mui (C.B.C.), Miss Vivienne Churn (University) and Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.).

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards breast-stroke Junior Championship:—C. Marcal, J. A. Marques and Alex Alves.

Colony Championship—Men's 50 Yards free-style:—Lo Yuk Wing (Chinese "Y"), Chan King Pong (Chinese "Y"), Tsui Hang (Eastern), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Shek Kam Pui (Sing Tao), Wong Chie Hong (Sing Tao), Chan Cheong Hong (C.B.C.), Ng Tsun Man (University), David Hutchinson (—) and Tsang Cheong Ming (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Women's 50 Yards free-style Handicap:—Miss Therese Yvanovich, Miss Yolanda Remedios, Miss Marguerite Gutierrez, Miss Therese Noronha, Miss Laura Nolasco and Miss Beatrice Britto.

Colony Championship—Men's 100 Yards back-stroke:—Wong Sou Sen (Eastern), Shek Kam Pui (Sing Tao), A. V. Lopes (V.R.C.), A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.), W. Lawrence (V.R.C.), Fung Fui Wan (C.B.C.), Poon Wing Kai (Lai Tsun), Lau Yiu Ting (Lai Tsun) and Yeung Man Wai (H.K. & K.R. Union).

V.R.C. Members' 100 Yards free-style Junior Championship:—H. Reynolds, C. Silva-Netto, G. Saunders, Lutz M. Remedios and J. Fenton.

Colony Championship—Women's 100 Yards back-stroke:—Miss Ho Wai King (C.B.C.), Miss Lily Sadick (Lai Tsun) and Miss Celeste Gutierrez (V.R.C.).

Colony Championship—Men's Diving:—G. Saunders (V.R.C.), L. Roza-Pereira (V.R.C.), E. D. da Roza (V.R.C.), Lau Yim (—), Koo Kai Kui (C.B.C.), Wong King Koon (C.B.C.) and Lam Ka Tung (C.B.C.).

Colony Championship—Men's 100 Yards free-style:—Tsuai Hang (Eastern), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Shek Kam Pui (Sing Tao), Wong Chie Hong (Sing Tao), Charles Huang (University), Ng Tsun Man (University), David Hutchinson (—) and Lau Tai Ping (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards free-style Handicap:—H. Silva, F. A. Vieira, L. Vieira, A. V. Lopes, N. Broadbridge, G. Saunders, E. D. da Roza, G. A. Yvanovich, F. A. Noronha and A. V. Alves.

Colony Championship—Women's 200 Yards free-style Relay:—H.K. University, Lai Tsun Swimming Union, V.R.C. and H.K. & Kowloon Residents' Union.

Heats Arranged

Following dates have been reserved for heats:

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10, 6.07 P.M.

Colony Championship:

Men's 200 Yards free-style.

Men's 220 Yards back-stroke.

Men's 100 Yards breast-stroke.

Men's Diving.

Women's 220 Yards free-style.

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke.

50 Yards breast-stroke Handicap.

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6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Dabroy Sombra Band and Pat Kirkwood (Vocal) at the Piano.
7.17 p.m.—Gerry Moore at the Piano.
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily Gorman Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—A Hill Billy Programme.
8.35 p.m.—Twilight On The Trail (from film "Trail of the Lonesome Pine"). Riding The Range In The Sky (Harry Carlton). Wilfrid Thomas (Bantone) with The Good Comedians.
8.45 p.m.—Rollin' Plains (from film "Rollin' Plains"—Samuels). Coin Down To Santa Fe Town (Massey & Mable). Big Bill Campbell & his Bill Billy Band.
8.55 p.m.—Texas Dan (Robinson). Happy Go Lucky (Robinson). Carson Robinson (Vocal) with Guitar, Accordion and Bass.
9.00 p.m.—Tumbling Tumble Weeds (Nolan). Going Home. Jack Savage & his Cowboys.
9.05 p.m.—Prairie Lullaby (Hill). Jimmie Rodgers (Yodler) with Novelty accompaniment.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Coleridge-Taylor—Four Characteristic Valses.
9.05 p.m.—Valse Bohemienne—Valse Rustique—Valse De La Reine—Valse Mauresque—The New Light Symphony Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—Studio—"I Know A Man—Lord Liston". A Recorded Talk by Sir St. Clair Thomson with Introduction from the Studio.
9.35 p.m.—Dukas—"L'Apprenti Sorcier". Leopold Stokowski and The Philadelphia Orchestra.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Violin Solos.
9.50 p.m.—Hungarian Dance No. 5 (Brahms). Menuet (Nash). Wolf with Otto Schulhof (Piano).
10.00 p.m.—Le Deluge—Prelude (Saint-Saens, Op. 45). Chanson Arabe (Rimsky-Korsakov). Toscha Seidel with Piano.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Schumann—Carnaval—Ballet Music. The London Ballet Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.
10.25 p.m.—Puccini—"Madam Butterfly". Act I. Characters & Solists in order of appearance:—Cho-Cho-San (Sheridan (Soprano); Suzuki, her servant (Mannarini (Mezzo-Sop.); Lieut. Pinkerton, U.S.N. Cecil (Tenor); Sharpless, U.S.N. Consul; Weinberg (Baritone); Kate Pinkerton (Mezzo-Sop.); and Members of the Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

In the Wu Teh-chen Cup basketball tournament at Chinese Y.M.C.A. last evening, Y.M.C.A. beat Bank Union 70-33, and Wah Kiu beat Victoria Recreation Club 53-22.

Y.M.C.A.—Wong Wah-hung (25), Luk Tak-cheung (11), Fong Yuek-shan (6), Chan Kan-yu (7), Lo Hon-san (5), Chan Wah-hin (4), Wong Kan-chiu (4), Man Tai-kwong (4), Ko Kar-wo (2), So Pak-fai (2).
Bank Union—Lau Kam (10), Au Yeung-shing (13), Kwok Tsang-fook (5), Tsui Yuen-kee (4), Ng Kit-sing, Wan Kiu—Luk Yau-kan (15), Tang Yiu-ming (12), Lo Kai-ming (10), Tang Fuk-hon (8), Lam Kin-yim (4), Ng Hoi-fu (4).
Victoria Recreation Club—A. Azedo (10), R. Rosario (6), R. Maxwell (4), A. Alves (2).

TABLE TO DATE

Chinese Y.M.C.A.	P.	F.	L.	Pts.
South China	6	6	0	12
Sing Tao	5	8	0	10
Wah Kiu	5	4	1	8
National University	5	4	1	8
Black Cats	5	3	2	6
Indust. Police	4	2	2	4
Youtan Police	5	2	3	4
Residents' Union	5	2	3	4
Bank Union	5	1	4	2
Yu Leung	5	1	4	2
Ping Ching	5	1	4	2
V.R.C.	5	0	5	0
Trojans	5	0	5	0

50 Yards back-stroke Handicap.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 11, 6.07 P.M.

Colony Championship:
Men's 220 Yards free-style.

Men's 150 Yards Medley Relay.

Men's 50 Yards free-style.

Women's 50 Yards breast-stroke.

V.R.C. Women's:

50 Yards free-style Handicap.

V.R.C. Boys':

25 Yards free-style Handicap (12 years old and under).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12, 6.07 P.M.

Colony Championship:

Men's 440 Yards free-style.

Men's 220 Yards breast-stroke.

Women's 100 Yards breast-stroke.

Women's 50 Yards free-style.

V.R.C. Members' 220 Yards free-style Junior Championship.

50 Yards free-style Handicap.

V.R.C. Boys' 75 Yards Medley Handicap.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13, 6.07 P.M.

Colony Championship:

Men's 200 Yards free-style Relay.

Men's 100 Yards free-style.

Men's 100 Yards back-stroke.

Men's Diving.

Women's 220 Yards free-style.

V.R.C. Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke.

GOVERNMENT WARNED OF PROBABLE TIMBER PRICE RISE

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was difficult to get a company that had the trucks and could remove the muck away.

No Tenders

Were tenders called for by advertisement?—No, we did not have time. We checked up and saw that we got value for the money.

Do you suggest that the Oriental Company was the only company that could do the work well?—I don't suggest that, but I say that the Oriental Transportation Company did the work efficiently. There are other companies. It would have been better if we had time to receive tenders and check their reliability.

You had a year?—It was discussed from time to time.

No attempt was made the whole year by Marsman or the Government?—We are working under the instruction of Government and the job had to be done in the fastest time. The initiative for calling for tenders was with Government.

No tender was ever called for by you or the P.W.D.?—That is so.

The Chairman then referred to an item, S.C.M. Post 53. What was that for?—An advertisement was run under the "Wanted to Buy" column for a compressor.

You inserted an advertisement for a compressor?—We knew of none in Hong Kong and we wanted to find out if there were any. You appreciate the value of advertisement?—Yes.

The P.W.D. did not appreciate the value of advertising and asking for tenders.

Outside Firm

The next item \$15 paid to Leigh and Orange. What is that for?—We applied to Leigh and Orange on behalf of the P.W.D. to estimate the damage caused to a roof through blasting.

You mean the P.W.D. asked you to get Messrs. Leigh and Orange to examine the roof?—The cost of the damage came up. Who gave you the instructions, who was the particular gentleman?—Mr. Campbell, the executive engineer.

There are architects in the P.W.D.?—Yes. Here was a question of damage and it was better to get an outside firm.

Chairman:—If you had instructions in writing I would like to see them.

Mr. Carman said he would produce them.

In reply to the chairman, witness said that the item \$1.50 paid to Chang, was a refund for delivery and coolie hire charges of a case of goods from Kowloon Godown to an A.R.P. site. Chang was the chief file clerk and he was sent specially to get the spare parts as they were urgently needed.

Payment to Pang Chick and Tam, \$16,250. What is that for? 500 sleepers at \$3.35 each.

Referring to a payment of \$45 to Hong Kong University, witness said that was the fee for the machine for testing the hardness of a drill.

Used For Muck

An item for \$20.50 paid to Henry Transportation Company was next queried.

Witness explained that that was for lorry and transport charges on goods from Holt's Wharf to an A.R.P. site. The work was not done by the Oriental Transportation Company. This company was really used for muck and in an emergency it was necessary to get other transportation.

Chairman:—Then there is an item for Police Department, \$5 and again \$5. What is that for?—Ambulance charges to Queen Mary Hospital. I have no details but I presume it was for an accident.

Would not your comprehensive Insurance scheme cover that?—We recover and get compensation on the scheme and when received it is credited to Government.

Do you credit Government with the 10 per cent. you charge?—All the costs of the job are put in the disbursement account. There are various items on which we do not charge such as Refund of Chinese New Year Bonus.

What is the Chinese New Year Bonus?—This refers to Yung Man-tang who did not work over the Chinese New Year and the money was credited back to Government.

Chairman:—In one item there is a receipt from Police Magistracy for \$15. Do you know what it is about?—No.

Chairman:—You remember being asked about an item, "part payment to Messrs. Lowe Bing-ham and Matthews" and subsequently cancelled?—Yes.

What was it about?—The bill for \$350 represented fees for September and October. It was agreed that we should pay 50 per cent. and Government was only charged \$175.

Police Fine

Chairman:—Here is the item I spoke about—Police Magistracy \$10. Witness said that was a penalty for overloading a lorry with muck.

Who were prosecuted?—We were.

You paid the fine and charged the Government, and charged 10 per cent?—Yes.

Witness:—We had instructions we could overload trucks and we saw that each truck had a good load.

Government instructions! Who gave the instructions?—Between P.W.D. and others. I do not know the details.

Any instructions in writing?—I shall look it up.

Chairman:—Interesting, the P.W.D. instructing you to commit an offence.

Witness:—There was an arrangement between the P.W.D. and the Police Department for us to overload to a certain extent.

Chairman:—Put it in this way, that the P.W.D., with the connivance of the Police, instructed you to commit a criminal offence?

No, the Police Department make the regulations as to how much the load may be and they adjust their regulations to meet a case.

Charges Dropped

In reply to the chairman, witness said he was not suggesting

the Police Department made regulations which they could vary.

Chairman:—Why were you prosecuted?—That was perhaps before the arrangement, or the arrangement was the result.

Witness promised to get full information on the point.

Chairman:—Whatever the arrangement, the Magistrate was not informed. Which particular individual told Marsman's that they could break the laws of the Colony?—I don't know.

What you suggest is that because of the prosecution you made arrangements with the P.W.D. to be allowed to overload?—I cannot suggest that.

Is it a fact that P.W.D. told you you could overload?—I will look up for fuller details.

Can you say if the lorry was from Oriental Transportation Company?—I cannot say.

Were there any further prosecutions?—I believe there were one or two charges but no prosecutions.

They were dropped?—Yes.

On whose instructions?—I do not know.

In reply to the chairman, witness said that the item Hong Kong Motor Car Service, \$4, was for motor hire for a carpenter taken to Queen Mary Hospital from a site through an accident. Apparently no ambulance was available.

Calculating Machine

Referred to another item, \$25 paid to the Office Appliance Company, Mr. Carman replied that it was for the hire of a Monroe calculating machine which was used in the office.

The Chairman:—"Government paid for that and you charged 10 per cent?—Yes.

I thought under the agreement no office expenses were to be charged?—This was taken up with Mr. Campbell and Mr. Bishop. I shall have to look it up.

Questioned on other items, Mr. Carman replied that one marked "Hong Kong Government Watchmen, \$425.25" was a bill for watchmen or guards who accompanied paymasters to the different sites to pay the men their salaries. The paymaster carried between \$15,000 and \$16,000 since the men were paid on the sites where they were employed.

As regards payments to Dr. Anderson and other medical practitioners, Mr. Carman explained that the Medical Department was driving for the inoculation of everyone against cholera. "We had one case of cholera among our men and it was thought necessary to have all the men inoculated, so we came to an arrangement with the doctors to inoculate the men on a flat rate. The vaccine was supplied free by Government."

The Chairman: Could this not have been done by Government doctors?—There was a discussion on that but I am not in the position to give the facts.

Let us have full information on that, will you?—Yes.

Double Charge

Mr. Carman said the "Kwan Sang Loong, \$25" item was for transportation charges from Kowloon to Hong Kong for a large motor to be connected with a compressor on Site 1; the Far East Flying School bill for \$68.40 was for manufacture of fan blades for a 43-inch fan, and another Office Appliance bill for \$25 was for another month's hire of the calculating machine.

The Chairman: And you promise to get information on that?—Yes.

Pointing out a voucher for \$1,625.50, which was cancelled owing to a double charge, the Chairman asked: "What do you mean by double charge?"—The bill, in error, was charged twice.

Did you pay the bill and then refund it?—I can't say. I think it was deducted. I shall have to supply the information.

Another Office Appliance Company bill for \$6 was for an adding machine, explained Mr. Carman.

The Chairman:—Who authorized that?—Mr. Campbell.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation bill for \$3,822.83 was for the purchase of machinery from Manila.

The Chairman: Paid through the bank?—Yes.

To whom?—The Atlantic Gulf Pacific Company of Manila.

Travelling Expenses

A sum of \$4.50, paid to K. C. Lee, said Mr. Carman, was for bus

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fares between April 6 and April 15 for travelling from site to site.

The Chairman: Are all your men paid bus fares?—Key men, Mr. K. C. Lee was an assistant surveyor who travelled from site to site. He carried his instruments with him.

So it was not really for his fare but to aid him to carry his instruments?—Yes.

That a sum of \$10 was paid to the widow of Tam Fung as compensation since Tam Fung died of cholera was the explanation given by Mr. Carman in regard to another item.

The Chairman: "Why did you have to pay her compensation?—I should like to look up the facts.

Inquiry Adjourned

After questioning Mr. Carman on other items, the Chairman adjourned the inquiry to 10.30 a.m. on Thursday. He said that as far as the Commission was concerned, the evidence of Mr. Carman had been concluded, subject to the supply of the information he had promised to obtain in regard to certain expenses.

"Apart from that," said Mr. Justice Cressall, addressing Mr. Carman, "we need you no more. We thank you very much."

Mr. E. Davidson, representing Messrs. Marsman, indicated that he would like to ask Mr. Carman, a few questions and that he was prepared to do so when Mr. Carman appeared before the Commission the next time.

The Chairman explained that the inquiry was not like an ordinary Court where a solicitor could examine a witness. "Like at an inquest, questions must be asked through the Chairman."

Mr. Davidson: That is tiresome. The Chairman: Never mind.

"Very Well Done"

The Chairman then added that a suggestion had been made by a solicitor that the Commission had implied that Messrs. Marsman carried out the work in a highly inefficient manner.

"There has been no suggestion," declared the Chairman, "that the work was not done very well. We inspected the work and found that it had been very well done. We are trying to find out whether it could have been done cheaper."

"It is quite clear," added the Chairman, "that Marsman's were given the contract by Government on a cost plus basis and nobody blames them for accepting it."

CAUTIONED

Mr. A. C. Evans, of No. 24, Victoria Road, was cautioned by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Central Magistracy this morning for a breach of the Black-out Regulation on July 23.

According to Sergeant A. Dinsdale, accused was driving his car in Pokfulam Road with headlights on.

Inspector Hopkins, of the Hong Kong Police, residing at No. 150, Calne Road, has reported the theft of five silver medals and two silver tooth-picks stands from his residence yesterday.

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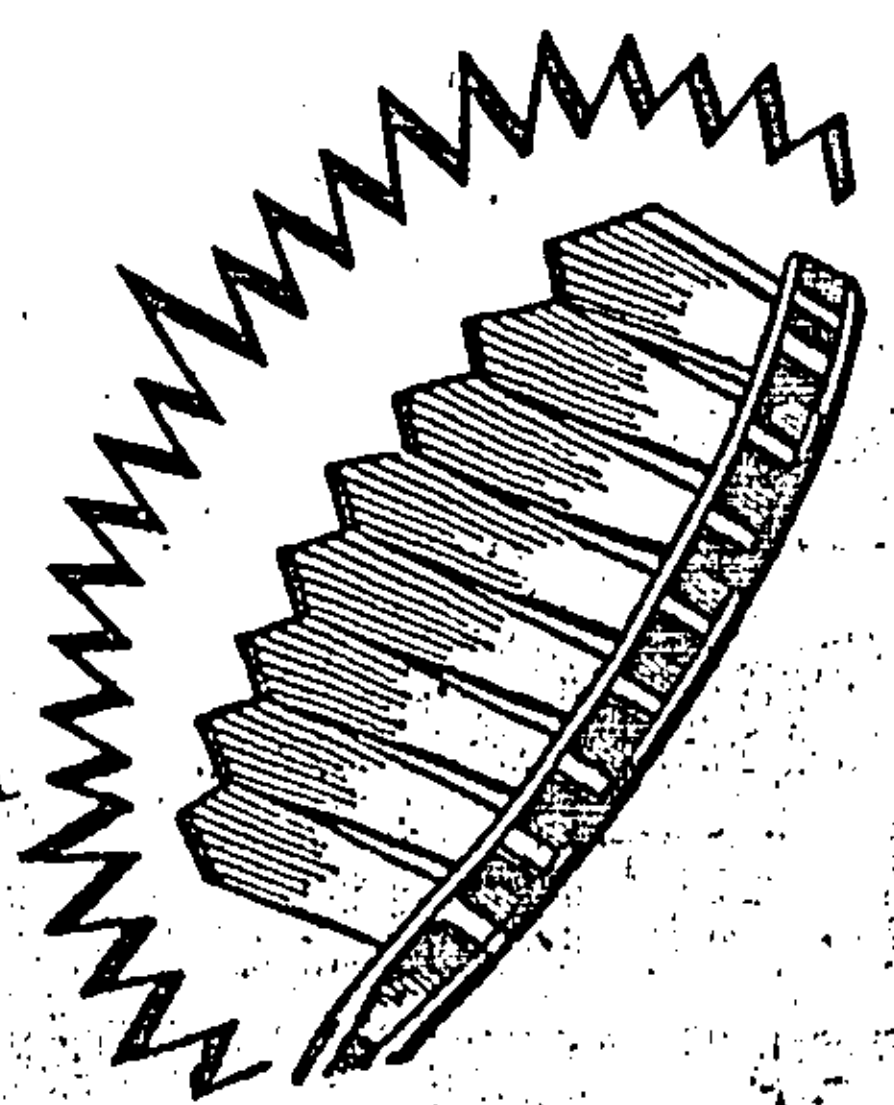
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POLICE RUGBY LIKELY TO SHOW VERY MARKED IMPROVEMENT THIS YEAR

By "Scrum-Half"

Police Rugby stock this season should be very much higher than it was last season, when injuries crippled the side and dampened the enthusiasm engendered by successes in the 1939-40 season.

S.C.A.A. ONE STEP NEARER CHAMPIONSHIP

South China Athletic Association, who have already won Second and Fourth Division League Tennis Championships, yesterday became virtual Third Division champions, when they beat Kowloon Indians Tennis Club by 6½ sets to 2½ on their own ground, scores being as follows:—

J. Hsu and H. P. Kwok (S.C.A.A.) beat S. A. Hussain and H. M. Singh 6-2
 beat S. J. Khan and S. A. Sopher 6-1
 beat Y. J. Khan and M. Ramzan 6-2
 C. P. Ip and S. Y. Li (S.C.A.A.) drew with Hussain and Singh 6-6
 beat Hussain and Sopher 6-3
 beat Khan and Ramzan 6-3
 C. L. Lau and K. Sung (S.C.A.A.) lost to Hussain and Singh 1-6
 lost to Hussain and Sopher 4-6
 beat Khan and Ramzan 6-1

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	Sets	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	9	9	0	0	0	1½	19½	18
A.T.C.	8	7	1	0	0	4	18	14
C.R.O. (2)	9	6	3	0	0	5	26	12
C.C.C.	6	5	1	0	0	2½	21½	10
C.D.R.	7	4	2	1	0	3	26	9
K.I.T.C.	8	4	3	1	0	3½	32½	9
C.R.C. (1)	5	2	3	0	0	2½	22½	4
K.T.G.C.A.	7	2	5	0	0	2	21	4
H.K.C.C.	8	2	6	0	0	2	51	4
H.K.U.T.C.	7	1	6	0	0	2½	42½	2
I.R.C.	9	0	9	0	0	1½	65½	0

A stray dog wandered into a baseball boxscore, during a recent game at Charlotte, N.C. Bob Ortiz, of the local club, eluded the ball to right field. As he neared first a terrier dashed from the stands. He nabbed Ortiz at first and stuck with him all the way to third, where Ortiz beat him and the ball by sliding. In a local paper the next day, there was this footnote:

"y—Stray dog."
 In the summary:
 "y—Ran with Ortiz in the ninth."

Sunderland F.C. lost \$1,750 last year, and the club has an overdraft of \$4,000.

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DOUBLE CURVE EXPLAINED

DETROIT.—Baseball men say Jack Knott throws a two-way curve.

"I grasp the ball off centre so the greater portion of it projects beyond the first finger and thumb," explains the Athletics' right-hander. "A straight over-hand motion is used and terrific spin is imparted. The spin makes the ball curve downward and to the left. When that spin is spent the off-balance weight of the ball takes control and forces the change in direction."

MOST PITCHERS ILLEGAL

BILL MCGOWAN, ONE OF THE LEADING UMPIRES IN BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL IN AMERICA, RECENTLY SAID THAT 55 PER CENT OF THE MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHERS DELIVER THE BALL ILLEGALLY ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. THE CUTTER PITCHERS, HE SAID, USE MECHANICAL "FAULTS" TO ADVANTAGE.

More common amongst these "faults," he says, are:—

Not having the back foot in contact with the rubber.

Taking a step, or crowhopping with the front foot.

Not coming to a stop before pitching with men on bases.

Moving the shoulders, head, arms, feet or fingers after coming to a stop.

Not stepping toward first base in attempting to pick off a baserunner.

Failure to first back off the rubber after coming to a stop in holding men on bases when not in the act of delivering the ball to the plate or throwing to bases.

Umpires will tell you that they would spend half their time running to the box if they did so in response to every mechanical defect and infringement.

The best they can hope for is to keep illegal pitching down to a minimum.

Old Tricks Stopped

Years ago chuckers, discoloured the sphere with mud, licorice, coffee and whatnot.

They roughened it with sand, paper, emery and fingernails.

They cut the seam.

They loaded the seam with mud.

They loosened the cover.

Two swipes on his trousers, leg and Eddie, Cletto, of unhappy Black Sox memory had one side of the ball shining like a ballroom slipper.

Others shined one side and blacked the other.

They wore a shiny ring on the pitching hand.

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ROYAL ENGINEERS ARE BACK IN 1ST DIVISION AFTER SOME 20 YEARS

By "Referee"

AFTER A PERIOD OF ALMOST 20 YEARS ROYAL ENGINEERS ARE RETURNING TO FIRST DIVISION OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE THIS SEASON, AND, AS ALL THOSE PLAYERS WHO HAVE DONE SO WELL FOR THEM IN THE PAST TWO SEASONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE THERE IS EVERY REASON TO EXPECT THAT THEY WILL GIVE A GOOD ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES IN SENIOR FOOTBALL.

They have been unable, so far, owing to military duties and lack of ground accommodation, to do much spotting of talent among the new arrivals, but this handicap will be overcome in the friendly games which have been already arranged.

Only one change in the senior team is expected to be made for the opening games. Fielding will probably be brought into the side in place of Tang Chung-pak.

Moxham, who played against Shanghai in 1940,

has fully recovered from his injuries and will be seen in goal with Palmer and Fielding as the backs.

Shaw, captain of the side, will again occupy the pivotal position, with Taylor on his left.

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PAWLOSKI'S 11 STRIKE-OUTS WIN SERIES

By "Grandstand"

HIGH-LIGHTED BY LOU PAWLOSKI'S MASTERFUL PITCHING IN THE WEEK-END DOUBLE-HEADER, U. S. NAVY TRIUMPHED OVER HONG KONG ALL-STARS LAST SUNDAY IN A FIERY 5-4 NOSE-OUT AS A FITTING CLIMAX TO A TORRID SEASON. THEY THUS WON THE ANNUAL FIVE-GAME CHARITY SERIES FOR THE SECOND TIME IN SUCCESSION, AFTER HAVING SHADED "ALL STARS" THE PREVIOUS DAY WITH A HARD-FOUGHT 11TH INNING VICTORY.

Mound maestro Lou Pawloski's flipper was in great form as he tossed his second victory of the week-end, whiffing four and walking only two, whilst Wally Ching, who toed the rubber for the losers, struck-out two and passed two.

All-Stars drew first blood in the ding-dong scuffle with a single marker in the initial canto, but the blue-jackets came right back in the third, and grabbed the lead with a couple of unearned tallies. Hong Kong knotted the count in the fifth, but the sailors again produced the tie-breaker in their half of the chapter. In the sixth the All-Stars put on full steam in a do-or-die attempt and netted two counters as Babe Chinn and Dick Chung dented the rubber standing up, on Bowersox's wild heave to first base.

Ruel's Winning Hit

Two successive miscues and a walk found Earl, Wilson striding up to the platter with the bases crowded with sailors with none away in the sixth. Wilson popped out, whilst Lou Pawloski stood still on a groover, after his heavy bludgeon had fouled two pitches, to relieve the tension somewhat for hurler Ching. Henry Ruel then slammed a clothes-liner to left to chase in two of his mates for a Navy lead and eventual victory, as the blue-jackets dished out a brilliant brand of ball to smother a Hong Kong uprising in their last batting session.

Left gardener Dick Chung was the only one to connect for more than one safety in the fracas, both of his singles in his three batting attempts being stinging liners to left, whilst Hank Chan "Greasy" Moore and Henry "Crooner" Ruel were the only ones to produce extra-base knocks with a double apiece.

Action-Packed Game

Although both sides connected for nine safeties, Lou Pawloski's mariners came through with the long end of a 9-8 count at the end of an action-packed encounter, which went into four over-time frames, on Saturday.

Lou Pawloski's "eleven strike-out" performance will go down in the records as one of the most outstanding pitching performances of the season as he staged his comeback on the hill with his blazing tosses mixed with hooks and curves.

Besides whiffing 11, the Polack passed only two to first with his superb control, whilst Ernie Hearther, who started for the losers was derricked in the third after passing two.

Wally "Dimples" Ching, who worked for the remainder of the tussle fanned four, and issued free transportation to first to one sailor. Both Hearther and Ching were charged with one wild pitch each, whilst Al Lau, working behind the batter, allowed three passed balls.

Anybody's Match

For six eventful frames it was anybody's game, as the lead changed hands several times, with the tars tying the count in the sixth. In the seventh both sides were unable to produce a tally, necessitating extra innings. In the eighth it seemed the All-Hong Kong side had the game sewed up in the old bat bag, when they chalked up three markers, but their defence cracked wide open when they took the field, with a couple of expensive miscues and a pair of costly passed balls for the sailors to draw level 7-7.

Excitement reached fever pitch as both sides worked unsuccessfully for a tally in the ninth and tenth, and the strain reached bursting point as the eleventh rolled around.

Dick Chung atoned for an earlier bungle with a rousing double to chase in Al Lau for a counter, but hopes of a triumph soon died

down as McKenzie scored from second on a play around the key-stone which back-fired on the All-Stars. After this the game was handed over to the sailors on a platter, as Pete Choy muffed Wilson's weak pop fly which had handles on it. It was definitely not Pete's day to be the hero of the hour, as he was just switched from the windy alley to the hot corner, a position which he had never held this season.

Dick Chung blasted out two doubles in five times at bat and Tony Mascavage and Nel Ma each poled out a two-bagger.

EX-HOLDERS TO CLASH TO-DAY

R. F. da Luz, champion in 1929, will meet A. E. Coates, 1930 title-holder, in the First Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship to-day.

A. Hyde-Lay, 1933 winner, will have a tough proposition in J. Shepherd, and R. Duncan, who won the title in 1935, will be up against another skip in J. G. Meyer.

Following is to-day's programme:

At Kowloon B.C.C.
F. Channing v R. S. Meadows
J. G. Meyer v R. Duncan
W. L. Walker v L. Sykes
At Kowloon C.C.
C. H. Basto v Y. Abbas
R. F. da Luz v A. E. Coates
At Kowloon F.C.
A. Hyde-Lay v J. Shepherd
T. A. Madar v J. F. McGowan
At Civil Service C.C.
M. R. Abbas v C. Givland
K. M. Omar v A. Kapaley
At Police F.C.
W. V. Field v S. M. Humjahn
J. S. Landolt v H. Overy
At Hong Kong F.C.
W. Mair v C. S. Rossetti
D. A. Buzaro v M. F. Alarcon
At Craigengower C.C.
A. Brookbank v S. H. Marwin
E. G. Post v J. J. Basto

Recreio Cricket Prospects

By "Incog."

Club de Recreio will probably be without the services of Luigi Gosano, their left-handed opening batsman, for the earlier part of the approaching cricket season as this player is nursing a dislocated shoulder, sustained in a basketball match recently, and feels he does not want to risk aggravating the injury by further strain.

Over and above this, Eddie Gosano, who was their captain last season, is likewise resting a damaged shoulder which he acquired in the course of a recent softball game. He will be playing regularly, but it is doubtful whether he will be able to do much bowling.

Against this, however, news is to hand that Albert Rodrigues, who is still considered one of the soundest batsmen at this club, is speaking of playing in First Division again. It will be recalled that last season he preferred to play in Second Division as he was then not sure about being able to turn out regularly.

Nets Late In Month

That, then, is the position with Recreio, who otherwise will have practically the whole of last season's players to call on. They have decided not to start nets practice until the end of the month.

As far as I have been able to ascertain, there will be no school-boy talent for Recreio this year, though Micky Remedios, the La Salle all-rounder who joined up last season, will still be playing, and there is every indication that the promise he has shown will be maintained.

Prata Disappoints

I am rather surprised to see that Albert Prata, who was so keen on the game as a schoolboy, has lost practically all his keenness. It seems such a pity, for he was in addition to being a more-than-useful all-rounder, one of the few younger players to make a real study of the game, and showed promise of developing into a shrewd captain.

Efforts, I hear, are being made to get Dick Alves sufficiently interested in the game again to turn out regularly. It would be just the thing for Recreio juniors if he could be persuaded to captain the side. Another of the "old brigade," who would also help a great deal if he would play, is F. J. Remedios, but I am doubtful whether he will be able to get the necessary time to do so even if he were so inclined.

Other Sport Will Be

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GUEST ELIMINATES FORMER CHAMPION IN COLONY BOWLS SINGLES

The Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship got under way yesterday when a batch of seven games were decided, the other seven which were scheduled to be played off having been postponed. There was a minor upset, A. E. P. Guest eliminating L. A. Gutierrez, former title holder, by 21-14, while it took J. C. Gill 27 ends to chalk up the necessary shots for a win over L. F. Xavier, whom he eventually beat 23-14, the 23rd end being a "dead" one.

A. J. Hall, Kowloon Bowling Green skip, took only 14 ends to beat H. J. Shields, scoring three "possibles" while others to return "fours" were Curtis, Aitken, Nish and McKelvie.

It is interesting to note that Hall scored only two singles in his game against Shields who scored at 6 ends, a comparison of the two cards being as follows:

Hall: 0 3 4 0 2 0 1 4 0 0 0 2 4 1 2 1
Shields: 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 3 2 0 0 0 9

Fincher was expected to put up a better game than he did against McKelvie, but could only notch five singles against McKelvie's card of 21. Here again a comparison between the cards is interesting and is as under:

McKelvie: 1 1 1 0 2 0 1 1 1 4 0 3 2 0 0
3 1 2 1

Fincher: 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1
0 0 5

Although Gill blanked Xavier for six ends in a row, it took him 27 ends to secure the required number of shots to win, though the 23rd was a "dead" one. Xavier was by no means discouraged and after being led 13-3 at the 12th, had a run of 2 0 0 1 2 1 0 1 1 to trail 12-18 at the 22nd, but Gill then finished up well with 3 0 1 3. Scores were:

Gill: 0 1 1 0 2 1 2 1 3 1 0 1 0 1 1
0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 3 0 1 3-23

Xavier: 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 0
1 2 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 2 0 0-14

Finishes At 22nd

The game between Ward and Broadbridge went to 22 ends, although at the 12th Ward was leading 13-2, made possible by a run of 3 1 1 1 1 1 when he was leading 5-2 at the 6th. Trailing 6-10 at the 15th, Broadbridge scored 3 2 0 1 1 to force the game to the 22nd before Ward won by 22-11.

Ward: 0 1 1 2 0 1 3 0 1 1 1 0
1 2 0 0 1 0 0 2 3-22

Broadbridge: 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 2
0 0 2 3 0 1 1 0 0-11

Needling one shot to win at the 20th, Nish scored a three to beat Tang by 23-16. Nish was leading 13-9 at the 12th when Tang scored 1 1 1 2 2 to be 16-13 up, but Nish finished up with 1 3 3 3.

Nish: 0 1 0 0 1 1 2 0 1 4 2 1 0 0 0
0 0 1 3 3-23

Tang: 3 0 3 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 1 1 1
2 2 0 0 0 0-16

Results At A Glance

Results of yesterday's matches were as follows:

At Kowloon F.C.
L. F. Xavier 14 J. C. Gill 23

J. C. Aitken 21 E. Curtis 14

At Kowloon B.C.C.
H. F. Shields 9 A. J. Hall 21

W. E. R. Guest 21 L. A. Gutierrez 14

At Civil Service C.C.
E. Kirman v H. E. Strange

T. C. Monaghan v F. Nolan

At Craigengower C.C.
J. W. Harrop v A. H. Humjahn

C. Davman v W. McLeod

At Club de Recreio
E. C. Fincher 9 J. McKelvie 21

R. Leigh v W. Nash

At Kowloon C.C.
H. Nish 23 Y. H. Tang 16

A. Eastman v B. W. Bradbury

At Hong Kong F.C.
J. S. Riddell v A. M. Omar

W. Ward 22 R. T. Broadbridge 11

Postponed.

Other Cards

Other cards read:

Guest: 1 0 1 2 1 0 1 1 2 0 0 1 0 1
2 0 3 2 0 1 2-21

Gutierrez: 0 2 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 2 1 0 2 0
0 3 0 0 2 0 0-14

Shields: 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 3 2 0 0 0 9

Hall: 0 3 4 0 2 0 1 4 0 0 2 4 1 2 1

Curtis: 0 1 0 0 4 0 0 2 0 1 1 3 1 0 0 0
0 0 1 0-14

Aitken: 2 0 1 2 0 3 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 3 1 1
1 4 0 1-21

V

Clubs who took part in last season's competitions got £172 each from the Football League pool.

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Danny Litwhiler has faced Larry French of Chicago Cubs six times this season. The Phillies' outfielder had been retired twice. Once he singled. The other three times he hit home runs.



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PACIFIC WAR ODDS

Mr. Duff-Cooper Smiles Off Query In Manila

ANOTHER ISLAND FORTRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

(From International News Service
Cairo Correspondent)

Cyprus is now another British island fortress, the invasion of which would be a military undertaking of tremendous proportions.

Two months ago it was believed that Cyprus was in peril of falling in the same way as Crete.

General Auchinleck has just returned to Cairo after taking your correspondent on a flying inspection, during which neither Axis planes nor ships were seen.

No details of the preparations on Cyprus are permitted, but it is the first bulwark against invasion of Syria and its importance as a base if Germany attacks Turkey are seen as an ever-increasing possibility.—International News Service.

JAP. DETECTIVE SHOT IN BACK

A Japanese detective-sergeant of the Municipal Police, Yamaguchi, was shot in the back and wounded this morning by five Chinese gunmen in the Western District of the International Settlement.

A Chinese pedestrian was also slightly wounded. No arrests were made. Yamaguchi was sent to hospital.—Reuter.

Japan More Careful In Her Moves

MR. A. DUFF-COOPER, in an interview with Reuter in Manila, said that his mission was to inquire whether it was desirable to establish in the Far East a set-up similar to that in Cairo, under which a War Cabinet official, diplomat or "glorified High Commissioner" was assigned to the Far East to co-ordinate the British war effort.

For that reason the survey includes Malaya and Australia, and if a set-up is established, headquarters will be at Singapore.

Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper said his itinerary included Singapore, Burma, the Netherlands East Indies, Australia and possibly Hong Kong. He will not visit China and will return to London from Australia.

Mr. Duff-Cooper said that Japan was, at present, more careful about taking the next step, having been impressed by the action taken by Britain and the United States following the occupation of Indo-China, and the fact that Britain is taking a serious view of Indo-China in regard to the move to Thailand, which is further evidence of Japan's aggressive intentions.

He went on to say that the best time for Japan to move was a year ago, since Britain's position had become stronger in the past year, and added that the

Roosevelt-Churchill declaration applied as much to the Far East as to the western world.

He smiled off the question as to what odds he would give against war in the Far East.

Mr. Duff-Cooper will be leaving Manila this morning for Singapore by Clipper.—Reuter.

SOVIET OFFENSIVE

(Continued from Page 1)

2 days, ended in the routing of the enemy's XVth Infantry division, XVIIth motorised division, Tenth Tank Division, 137th Austrian Infantry division and the 187th, 290th and 268th Infantry divisions.

"The remnants of the enemy's divisions are hastily retreating in a western direction. Our troops have occupied the town of Yelnya. "Our air force continued to deal blows to enemy troops in field action and destroyed aircraft on his aerodromes."

German Claim

A SPECIAL GERMAN ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED IN BERLIN SAYS A MOBILE DIVISION, SUPPORTED BY THE LUFTWAFFE, HAS REACHED A POINT NORTH-EAST OF LENINGRAD ON A BROAD FRONT AND HAS TAKEN THE TOWN OF SCHLUESSELBURG ON LAKE LADOGA.

The Germans claim that this completes the gap in the ring around Leningrad "which is thus cut off from all communications by land."

Schluesselburg lies 25 miles to the east of Leningrad.

Leningrad Position

Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow, who is now in the Leningrad area, reports that fighting is extremely heavy but that it is certain that the Germans have not anywhere like encircled Leningrad.

They have approached fairly close only from the South-west, but not close enough for the practical large-scale shelling of which they boast.

The preservation of Leningrad is vital to the Russians for moral, industrial and naval reasons and following their classical principle of "army first," the Russians would abandon Leningrad only if the withdrawal of the army from it was essential to the successful continuation of the war.

There is every indication that Leningrad is preparing for a long and arduous resistance and this is perfectly feasible.—Reuter.

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